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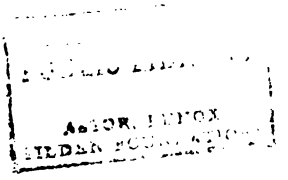


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I Dedicate

THIS BOOK.



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PREFACE.

THE reader should, before he commences this book, turn to Chapter XV., in which the Author owns to his sins of "omission and commission," two errors in the foot-notes, and some cases of incorrect spelling of proper names having been discovered since the pages were printed off.

The Author expresses his thanks to those gentlemen who have kindly helped him in his labour of love, and if any are unnamed he is none the less under obligation to them for their assistance. To the Rev. Edward Howard Morton, M.A., for many notes of interest from the Registers and other Church Books; to the present Rector, the Rev. Evelyn Howard Morton, M.A., for permission to search the Registers for verification of dates and names; to Mr. Bearman, the Parish Clerk, for help freely given at all times; to Mr. Hicks for the loan of the engraving from which the *Frontispiece* was taken; to our venerable Vestry Clerk, Mr. D. Norris, who has always been most anxious to assist in clearing up matters in doubt; to Mr. James Barringer, whose

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TOOTING-GRAVENEY,
Easter, 1897.



INTRODUCTION.

In compiling such a work as this there is always a difficulty in deciding what material shall be used, and what discarded.

It is impossible for anyone digesting the records of a parish, with a view to putting them into order, to avoid dwelling longer upon some points of its history than upon others.

If there is evidence of such a desire in the present work, the reader is asked to be generous in his judgment rather than just.

The village cannot claim to have produced any very remarkable personage; but yet a perusal of the biographies in Chapter XI. will convince the most sceptical reader that at least for its size Tooting-Graveney has done well in this direction.

Our Rectors have been men of sterling worth, honest preachers of the Word, and shepherds of their flocks. One of them became a Bishop, and others have left memorials of their rectorate in Institutions, Schools, Church, etc. The Pastors of the congregation of Non-

conformists, in the High Street, have been men of standing in their day. One of them, Mr. Bowden, rests under the shadow of our parish church; and another, Mr. Henry, in the disused graveyard at the back of his some time chapel. The old fiction that the celebrated Daniel Defoe was the founder of this chapel will not stand the fierce light of nineteenth-century research.

Our Common, over which have waged long and sturdy fights for ages, is now saved for ever to the people, and the wearied worker, after his long day's work, can spend his evenings either in recreation or in contemplation of its beauties, knowing that the sacrilegious hands of the speculating builder will never cover it with bricks and mortar. True, the halo of romance which surrounded the old gravel-pits, with the danger from footpads, has departed. Great credit is due to the public-spirited conduct of those who fought the last great fight in connection with this common.

Until the early part of the present century the quaint old church, with its admixture of Romano-British, Saxon and Norman work, and its round tower with shingled steeple, was a landmark of the Christian faith, amid the surrounding swampy fields and meadow-land. Its "iij small belles hanging in the steple for y^e^ kyng's use" sweetly called the scattered villagers together for the worship of God. In fancy, to the sound of the "Angelus," one can see in the dim light of eventide the small procession of hooded monks wending their way from the moated Monastery to sing their "Ave Maria" in the village church, or at midnight the long, thin procession of mourners conducting to their last resting-place, beneath the altar of the old church, the remains of some city

magnate; the flambeaux carried by those in the procession appearing like a fiery serpent wending its way along the narrow roads and lanes, the bell tolling out in the cool air its message to the world, that all that was mortal was being deposited in its last earthly home in "sure and certain hope."

Within the hallowed walls of the little sanctuary, year after year, decade after decade, century after century, worshipped the devout villagers, their church being from time to time repaired, enlarged, or altered to suit the growing population around it. The church at that time would be provided with things needful for the proper conducting of public worship, and the administration of her sacraments. Previous to the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII., and, in fact, as far back as 1368, *Simon, Archbishop of Canterbury, had issued a decree in which he set forth the full list of "Articles necessary for Church use in the worship of God." Bad times came, Henry VIII. required money, and so laid hands upon the possessions of the Churches and Religious Houses. This will explain why, in the report of the "Kynge's Commissioners"* (tempo Edward VI.), *in referring to the absence of certain articles known to have been in use in the past, we are quaintly told that "these parcelles were stowlyn away." It is obvious they were often stolen away by their custodians, for fear that the king might require them for his own use. Some may have come back later on to their right use, but perchance others were hidden or buried away, and those who were instrumental in their being hidden, died, or even forgot where they had been put. Pious donors later on gave fresh vessels for the use of God's*

service, and some of these remain to this day, having been in use for two hundred years.

The parish was for the most part meadow-land of a swampy nature, with small watercourses running through it. These made their way to the Wandle, in Merton. The river Graveney, which now at certain seasons of the year is dry, thanks to drainage, was one of the boundary marks of the parish; but its course was altered some years ago, and the trees which at one time stood upon its banks have recently been removed to make room for the modern villa. Truly, the hand of old Father Time has left its mark upon this village, as it has done on many another around London. The old field and place names, each of which to our ancestors had a distinct and definite meaning, have given place to the modern street, road, or terrace.

Only two of the old inns mentioned in the Records remain, viz., the Mitre and the Castle. The Angel has been so altered in its rebuilding that it has completely lost its identity, while the Rising Sun set in a cloud of fire and smoke, to rise no more.

Of the private schools, which at one time were the glory of the place, none remain. One has become a branch of the Chelsea Workhouse, and the other a corn merchant's storehouse. A view of the latter will be seen on page xxii.

The Manor-house, which stood on the very border of the Manor, and yet not in the parish, has been pulled down, and its grounds are now producing a crop of modern residences.

Eight centuries have come and gone since the Conquest and the compilation of Domesday Book, and still Totinges

remains; but if another Domesday Book were compiled, how different would be the description now given of the Manors of Totinges, then held by Hamo the Sherrif of the Abbey of Chertsey! Verily

"*The old order changeth, yielding place to new.*"

Living in the memory of the past, surrounded in fancy by the shades of those dead and gone, those whose lives were spent in the confined limits of a Surrey village, one can indeed live over and over again the life of the past, saddened by the thought that the spirit of vandalism in the early years of this century did not permit of the preservation for our sight, if not use, of the one historic monument which the parish possessed, "the Old Church."





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SALVADOR HOUSE ACADEMY.

NOTES ON THE ILLUSTRATIONS.

FRONTISPIECE.

Tooting Corner, from the *Illustrated London News*, 1849. The house in the centre, at one time the residence of Alderman Plumbe, and afterwards Mr. Moyse's private lunatic asylum, was, in 1849, with the house to the left, in the occupation of Mr. Drouet, as an infant pauper asylum. In January, 1849, an epidemic of cholera broke out, and as will be seen by the footnote to page 131, a number of deaths occurred. The *Illustrated London News* of that time gives the following description of the affair: "Mr. Drouet had under his care from 1,400 to 1,500 children at the premises he occupied in the Broadway. They were sent from various parishes, and a payment at the rate of 3s. 6d. per week was made for their keep. Mr. Drouet occupies in all about fifty-two acres of land, about one-eighth of which is appropriated to the buildings and grounds of the asylum; the elder girls' dormitories are in the two old family mansions facing the main road, a portion of which is occupied by Mr. Drouet and his principal officers. The boys are lodged in outbuildings extending on the right or north-eastern side about half-way down, and on the opposite side the entire length of the playground. Beyond there is a range of cottages, the dormitories of the elder boys close to a stagnant ditch. The detached buildings in the yard consist of seven distinct departments, and over these are dormitories for the younger children. The premises are flanked by ditches mostly foul and certainly of danger in a spot where 1,400 or 1.500 children are located, and thus in the midst of a very crowded village." The medical

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gentlemen engaged in the case decided that the epidemic was one of atmospheric poisoning. The drains of the buildings emptied themselves into an extensive ditch abutting on the ground. Inquests were held in connection with the deaths of the children, and in one case a verdict of manslaughter was brought in, at which the coroner expressed his approval. The house on the left of the picture was formerly Mr. Bicknell's school. The tradesmen's entrance was where the man and boy are seen standing. The house stood back, with iron fencing and crescent-shaped wrought-iron gates ; the lamp in front of the sheds was at the corner of the green, now the Broadway. The house to the left of the central mansion is that now at the corner of Defoe Road, and was for many years occupied by Mr. Barringer ; previously it was the residence of Dr. Parrott and of Dr. Chapman. The sheds shown behind the gates were used by Mr. Barringer as a corn house. They were previously the doctor's stables.

2. MOLYNEUX COTTAGES AND OLD GATEWAY - - - 20

The cottages are still standing in "Pegasus'" Avenue; they were called Molyneux Cottages, as a gentleman of that name occupied the house in front of them. The gates were those which divided the two gardens occupied by Mr. Moyses, and were taken down by Mr. Barringer when he went to reside in the High Street.

3. ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH - - - - - - 21

This Illustration is taken from *The Gentleman's Magazine*, July, 1792. It is described as being a fine specimen of architecture, partly Roman and partly Saxon ; the walls being from four to six feet thick. It had a round Saxon tower, the spire of which was composed of shingles, as will be seen from the vestry books. The chancel was added by Sir James Bateman, probably about 1700. Recently the family vault of William Ward was opened, and in the passage to it was discovered a stone tablet let into the wall, upon which is engraved :

"Octo 10. 1709. The Lady Esther Bateman was buried. Oct 19. 1718 The Hon: S^r James Bateman was invaulted or buried, Mrs Judith Bouchier, daughter of Sir James Bateman, was buried March 24. 1724."

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4. THE REPERTORY - - - - - - - - 29

This document was found loose between the pages of a churchwarden's account-book, and is in a fine state of preservation; it is written on vellum, and is fully described on pages 28 to 30.

5. THE FITZWILLIAM BRASS - - - - - - 32

The oldest memorial in the church. There is no clue to the reason for this brass being in the church; but it is probable that Wm. Fitzwilliam, of Merton, was a tenant of the Dymoke family, who, like other lords of the Manor, owned property outside the parish. The arms are: Lozengy argent and gules (for Fitzwilliam); impaling . . . a fret . . . (for). *Crests:* 1. Out of a ducal coronet or, three ostrich feathers (for Fitzwilliam). I do not understand there being a second crest.

6. BATEMAN MONUMENT - - - - - - - 33

This originally was on the north side of the altar, over the Bateman vault in the chancel. At the time the old church was pulled down (1833) it was stated in the faculty then obtained for the removal of the monuments from the old church, that the family could not be traced. The peerage was then dormant, and the family having no connection with the place at that time, no great pains were taken to trace them. *Arms on monument:* Or, on a fesse sable between three Muscovy ducks proper, a rose of the field (for Bateman); impaling, Argent, on a fesse between three crescents gules, as many fleur-de-lis or. *Crest:* On a wreath of the colours a duck's head and neck between two wings proper.

7. THE OLD CHURCH - - - - - - - - 34

Part of a picture by F. D. Harding, engraved by George Cooke in 1837. The full picture shows the moat with trees on either side. Photographs of this are in existence and should be inserted in extra illustrated copies of this book.

8. BEADLE'S STAFF - - - - - - - - 43

Hanoverian in design. It is in a good state of preservation. The arms are those of George III. (latter part of reign only). George IV. or William IV., the inner escutcheon, is simply the escutcheon of Hanover,

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which, till the accession of Victoria, formed a part of the royal arms. There are two mistakes in the coat as painted: 1. The bressure is omitted from the second quarter (for Scotland); 2. There ought to be either an electoral bonnet or a crown upon the shield of Hanover; this would then decide the date more exactly. The very small escutcheon in the middle should show "the crown of Charlemagne" with which it was charged.

9. MR. HICK'S ENCLOSURE - - - - - - 91
Fully described in the text.

10 and 11. ENCLOSURES - - - - - 114-115
Fully described in the text.

12. THE OLD RECTORY - - - - - - 131
Now "The Rosery" in the Mitcham Road, and shortly to be demolished, the land having been sold for building purposes. It is a low-pitched old house, and in the paddock Dr. Ravenhill was often to be seen riding around on his steady old horse in the early years of this century.

13. THE RISING SUN - - - - - - - 144
The illustration is taken from a water-colour drawing painted in 1850 (now in the possession of the Author); in the background is seen the tower of the present church; in the foreground the fountain, now, alas! dry, athough even in recent years there was a steady flow of water from the Artesian well, sunk in 1823. The house was burnt down on February 11, 1867, and four persons perished in the flames. They are recorded in the registers as having been buried on the 16th, viz.:

Thomas Porter, aged 60.
James Tabby, aged 60.
Richard Smith, aged 50.
Richard Cutting, aged 68.

14. THE ANGEL - - - - - - - - 200
This ancient inn was pulled down in 1889 to make way for the modern building which now stands in its place.

15. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS - - - - - 227
Fully described in the text.

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16. TOOTING HALL - - - - - - 257

17. HILL HOUSE - - - - - - 279

The chapter devoted to the history of the workhouse fully explains these illustrations, and is a lesson in the art of acquiring public land for private use. A halo of romance has surrounded the Tooting Hall owing to a statement getting about that it was the residence of Daniel Defoe; of course he could not have lived in a house which did not exist, and as this was built in the corner of a field under cultivation, there is no possibility of its having been erected upon the site of a previous house.

18. REV. WILLIAM HENRY - - - - - 285

See Biographies.

19. DR. OLDFIELD - - - - - - 290

See Biographies.

20. THE RESIDENCE OF THE LATE MR. W. WOMBILL - 294

No excuse is needed for the insertion of this illustration. It is that of a house built about 120 years ago; it is quaint and old-fashioned, and narrowly escaped destruction at the burning of the "Rising Sun" (see *ante*).

21. SALVADOR HOUSE ACADEMY - - - - xxii

This back view of Salvador House Academy, Tooting, Surrey, is inscribed to the parents and guardians of the young gentlemen educated at the Academy by their humble servant, John Walker, drawing-master, April, 1787.

22. MR. GIBLING'S HOUSE AND SHOP - - - 348

A fine view of the Tooting Corner as some still remember it. The new fronts have altered its appearance considerably.

MAP OF THE MANOR, 1767 - - - - *to face* 17



SPECIAL NOTE TO FRONTISPIECE.

CHARLES DICKENS, in his "Walk in a Workhouse" ("Reprinted Pieces," London: Chapman and Hall), says: "It was agreeable, recollecting that most infamous and atrocious enormity committed at Tooting—an enormity which, a hundred years hence, will still be vividly remembered in the bye-ways of English life, and which has done more to engender a gloomy discontent and suspicion among many thousands of the people than all the Chartist leaders could have done in all their lives—to find the pauper children in this workhouse looking robust and well, and apparently the objects of very great care."



ORIGIN OF THE NAME.

THERE can be little doubt that the origin of the name "Tooting" is Saxon.* Black, in his "Guide to Surrey," claims that it was a settlement of the tribe of "Totingas." In the *Gentleman's Magazine* 1779 to 1820 we find a series of notes upon the origin of names of places, and among them is that of Tooting, *to toot;* that is, to look out, or peep out. In Derbyshire the peas are said to *toot;* that is, peep out of the ground, hence the participle *tooting*.

We also find the word "tooting" (or "touting") used to indicate the inviting, and bringing of guests by servants to their master's house, and we can understand the term being applied to such a village as this, situate as it is on the very outskirts of London, with two main roads from Surrey meeting in its centre—a good look-out place for either those who desired to secure visitors for their masters' houses (a subscriber points out that on former days traders came thus far to meet notabilities, thus touting for orders, hence Tooting), or even for the high-

* In the Anglo-Saxon charters of the Abbey of Chertsey (666), Tooting-Graveney is designated Getinges.

waymen and footpads who infested the commons and heaths around the Metropolis. In the same magazine, in 1792, a writer claims that the name was derived from the base service of the holder of the manor. It would infer that a meadow (*i.e.*, *ing*) was held for looking out (*toot*), as it was chiefly meadow-land.

So much then for its name of Tooting.* In regard to the word Graveney† we shall see the reason for its use after we have introduced the reader to the first survey of the land made by William the Conqueror, and chronicled in the Domesday Book.

* Other forms of spelling will be noticed in reading the book, such as "Tutin," "Totinge," "Tootting," etc.

† John Aubrey, F.S.A., in his "Natural History and Antiquities of Surrey," 1719, vol. i., p. 217, remarks: "In this Hundred lyes *Towting*, which has the addition of *Graveney*, to distinguish it from lower *Towting*, or *Towting Beck*. It is situate on the high Road to *Ebisham* (Epsom), but the Church stands in the Road to *Mycham*."

THE HISTORY

OF

TOOTING-GRAVENEY

CHAPTER I.

EIGHT CENTURIES OF MANORIAL HISTORY.

THE parish of Tooting-Graveney is bordered on the north by Wandsworth, on the east by Streatham, and on the south and west by Mitcham, the river Graveney being for some distance the boundary mark. The word Graveney, which occurs in most records, is probably derived from the name of Gravenel, a family which held considerable property here in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.*

There were two or three manors called Totinges at the time of the Conquest, besides that held in the gift of Richard de Tonbridge by the monks of St. Mary de Bec, and therefore styled the manor of Tooting-Bec. One of these manors is thus named in the Domesday Book, among the lands belonging to the Abbot of St. Peter's, Westminster:

"The abbot holds Totinges which Swain or Sweyne

* Brayley's "Surrey."



held of King Edward, when it was assessed at 4 hides.* The arable land amounts to one carucate† and a half. There are two villains‡ with half a carucate and three acres of meadow, in the time of Edward valued at 40 shillings§ and the same at present, but when the abbot received it only at 20 shillings. Earl Wallef obtained this land from Swain after the death of King Edward and he mortgaged it for two marks of gold to Alnothus the Londoner, who gave his interest in it to St. Peter for the health of his soul. Odbert holds it of the Abbot exempt from payment of gold."

This manor is supposed to have been joined either to the Tooting-Bec or Tooting-Graveney manor, the latter of which we now proceed to deal with, reproducing both the text and translation of the entry in Domesday Book, viz.:

SVDRIE (Surrey).

DOMESDAY BOOK.—In BRIXISTAN HVNDREDO. Isdem Haimo tenet TOTINGES de abbate de Certesy. Pro vi hidis se defendebat (*una virgata minus*) tempore Regis Edwardi. Modo pro nichilo. Terra est iii carucarum. In dominio est una caruca.

et iii. uillani et ii. bordarii cum una caruca. Ibi æcclesia, et iiii. acræ prati, Tempore Regis Edwardi ualebat xl solidos. Post xx solidos. Modo lxx solidos.

Isdem Haimo tenet in Totinges unam hidam de abbate de certesy. Osuuardus tenuit de rege Edwardo. Tempore Regis Edwardi xv solidos. modo x solidos. et potuit ire quo uoluit. Ibi est unus uillanus cum dimidia caruca. et una acra prati.

* A hide is a portion of land—60 to 100 acres.

† As much land as a team (of four) can plough in a year.

‡ A farm servant held the rights of freeman as regards others, but towards his lord was a serf, except that his lord had no power to put him to death, or any rights over his womankind.

§ A Saxon shilling was worth about fivepence of our money.

Translation.

DOMESDAY BOOK.—In BRIXISTAN (*Brixton*) HUNDRED the same Haimo* holds Totinges (*Lower Tooting*) of the Abbot of Chertsey. It was assessed for six hides less one virgate† in the time of King Edward; now for nothing. The land is for three ploughs.‡ In demesne§ there is one plough; and (*there are*) three villains and two bordars‖ with one plough. There is a church; and four acres of meadow. In the time of King Edward it was worth forty shillings; afterwards twenty shillings; now seventy shillings.

The same Haimo holds in Totinges (*Lower Tooting*) one hide of the Abbot of Chertsey. Osward held it of King Edward, and could go whither he pleased. There is one villain with half a plough; and one acre of meadow. In the time of King Edward (*it was worth*) fifteen shillings; now ten shillings.

During the reign of Henry II., 1157-1189, Hamo de Gravenel, evidently a descendant of Haimo the Sheriff, gave the manor and the advowson of the church to the Priory of St. Marie Overie. This gift was confirmed by Richard Toclive, Bishop of Winchester (1174-1189).¶

A Richard de Gravenell** was witness to a deed con-

* Sheriff of Surrey.

† A yard of land; otherwise, a rod or pole. ‡ Carucates.

§ Manor house and lands near, which the lord keeps for his own use.

‖ One who holds a cottage at the will of his lord.

¶ See Chapter II.

** "I find one Recardus de Gravenille witness to a grant of Sibilla de Tingria, conferring (confirming) Balham to the Abbey of Becc, which was given to them by her ancestors. The other witnesses are Walterus de Wendlesworth, Robertus de Wymbledon, and Robertus Persona de Stretham."—*Aubrey.*

firming the manor of Balgham (Balham) to the Abbey of Bec.

In 1216 the land at Tooting belonging to De Gravenell was given by King John to his chaplain, Denis.

Probably De Gravenell had taken some part in the troubles between the King and his nobles, but he appears to have come to his own again soon after, for in the "Testa de Nevill" it is stated that the heirs of Richard de Gravenell held one knight's fee in Tooting of the Abbot of Chertsey.

(NOTE.—Hamo de Gravenel has only one final *l* to his name. Richard has two.)

In the time of Edward I.* (1284-1285) Bartholomew de Castello obtained for himself and his heirs in the manor a charter of free warren—that is, a royal franchise or permit to kill beasts and birds of warren on his lands at Toting. This included rabbits, hares, pheasants, and sundry other warren animals.

Thomas de Lodelowe† died in 1314 seized in deed‡ of the manor of Toting Gravenal, consisting of a capital messuage,§ garden, dovecote, 100 acres of arable land, 12 of meadow, 5 of pasture, 4 of woodland, rents of assize,‖ etc., held of the Abbot of Chertsey *in capite*,¶ at half a knight's fee.** His son and heir was Thomas, aged fourteen years.

* Chart. 13 Edw. I., No. 40.

† De Ludlow. (See biographies.) The name Lodelowe is used here, and appears in the "Surrey Feet of Fines," but the pedigree of the Dymoke family proves that the name was really Ludlow or De Ludlow.

‡ Having possession of. § Dwelling-house and adjoining land.

‖ Certain established rents of the freeholders and copyholders of the manor that cannot be departed from or varied, viz., quit rents.

¶ In old English law a form of tenure by which the tenant-in-chief (*in capite*) held his lands direct from the Crown.

** The most honourable form of service by which lands were held. In the reigns of Edward I. and II. a knight's fee was valued at about £20 and forty days' service.

In the fifteenth year of Edward III.* (1341-1342) Joan, widow of the above-named Thomas de Lodelowe,† was still alive, and had her dower out of the manor of Tooting-Graveney. She was seized for the term of her life of the manor held of the Abbot of Chertsey. There was a capital messuage worth nothing yearly, 42 acres of arable land valued yearly at 10s. 7½d., 5 acres of pasture worth 5s., the price of the acre being 12d., and after the time of mowing they are worth nothing, because they lie in common;‡ also 6 acres of pasture which is in severalty§ from Lady Day to August, and is worth 6s. yearly, and from August to Lady Day it lies in common.

In 1394‖ Katherine, the widow of Thomas De Lodelowe, the younger, held the manor by a payment annually, on the Feast of St. John the Baptist, of a rose, and she dying in that year, it fell to her daughter, Margaret (being a grand-daughter of Joan), the wife of Sir John Dymoke,¶ in whose family it remained for the next 200 years.**

* Lambert. † Ludlow.

‡ Cattle were turned out on the common fields after mowing.

§ Not common land, the tenant having all rights of pasture, etc.

‖ This couple are mentioned in the "Surrey Fines."

¶ Extract from the Dymoke Pedigree: "*Sir John Dymoke*, Knt., of Scrivelsby, Co. Lincoln, jure uxoris. M.P. for Lincolnshire, 46 and 47 E. III. and 1 R. II. *Champion, jure uxoris, at Coronation of Richard II.*, 16 July, 1377. Died 16 April, 4 Ric. II., 1381. Married *Margaret, dau. and heir of Sir Thomas Ludlow, Knt., Champion of England*, son of Sir Thomas Ludlow, by Johanna his wife, *dau. and heir of* Philip *Marmion*, Lord of Scrivelsby, and widow of Sir Henry Hillary, Knt. Aged 23, A° 23 E. III. Died 26 March, 2 Hen. V."

"Jane or Joan, the youngest of Sir Philip Marmion's four daughters, widow of Sir Thomas Ludlow, was the mother of Thomas Ludlow, whose daughter married Sir John Dymoke. Joan remarried to Sir Henry Hillary; he held the Scrivelsby and Lincolnshire estates with the championship till his death, when they went to Lady Margaret, his wife's grand-daughter, and she was the founder of the Dymoke estates."—"Scrivelsby, the Home of the Champions," by Canon Lodge, Second Edition, 1894. ** See biographies.



In 1547,* at the view of frankpledge (a court-leet held by the steward of the manor, at which all freemen met and mutually guaranteed each other's good behaviour), it was agreed that no cattle should be put on the common fields between the Feasts of St. Mary and St. Matthew, penalty 10s.; hogs to be yoked and ringed, penalty 10s.

In 1555† fines were inflicted for cutting furze off the common lands, including Richard Blake, of the lordship of Tooting-Bec, in the parish of Streatham. The Rector of Tooting-Graveney had to make a certain gate between the highway and the common field, on this side of the Feast of St. Andrew, or forfeit the sum of 6s. 8d.; and no tenant or under-tenant to keep more than five sheep for each acre of land, and two beasts for one acre of land, within the common fields, or forfeit 3s. 4d.

In 1557 it was directed that they of Upper Totinge‡ shall fetch no gravel within the lordship, neither were they to sell furze, upon pain of 3s. 4d. for each offence.

"That where Edward Sere, Will'm Smythe, Will'm Heron, and John Blake did distreyne xvii sheepe of the p'sons of Totinge-Graveney for damage and hurte doinge one the comon of Totinge-Graveney and woulde have had them to the Lord's Pounde. And the same p'son§ (xij^{d}), John Fisshe (xij^{d}), and —— Hubberd (xii^{d}), widdowe, did rescue the same distresse so taken. *Iō isse in 'mia.*

"Item that the said John Fysshe (xii^{d}) did break the sayd pounde the xixth day of May last and took out xvii sheepe then therin impounded for damage and hurte doeinge. *Iō isse in 'mia.*

"Item the sayde John Fisshe (xii^{d}) and the sayd woman (xii^{d}) the xxith (*sic*) day of May last did lifte the sheepe of the sayd p'sons ov^{r} the pounde w^{ch} were impounded by

* 1547 to 1714 are chiefly from Mr. Stickland's notes.

† View of frankpledge held by the feoffees of William Dymoke.

‡ Tooting-Bec. § Parson.

the p'ishioners for doeinge hurte in the said coñon of Totinge-Graveney.

" Item that the sayd John Fysshe (xii^{d}) the first day of June last did rescue when a horse and a mare were brought to the pounde by Robte Smythe and taken for in damage jesaunte* in the coñon of Totinge-Graveney. *Iõ isse in 'mia.*"

The same year it appears that the parson had encroached upon the Lord's ground and the King's highway, going to Mitcham, in making ditches beside the parson's half-acre. He was commanded to fill them up by Hollantide, under a penalty of 10s. Also, it was provided that the same parson " suffer none of his cattell to go in the common, or in the lane, upon payne of every horse and cow iii^{s} iiij^{d}, and every sheepe and hogge iii^{s} iiij^{d}, as often as they be taken." Also that " Elizabeth (20^{d}) Pakeham, Thomas (20^{d}) Veham, Henry Colston (20^{d}), and Richard (20^{d}) Blake cut furze in the Lord's Common contrary to the penalty at the last court. And that Elizabeth (20^{d}) Pakeham, Thomas (12^{d}) Veham, Robert Godman (12^{d}) Thomas (12^{d}) Astleton, Henry (12^{d}) Colston, and Richard Colston (12^{d}) dug one hundred cartloads of gravel in the Lord's Common to the value of 20^{s} contrary to the penalty at the last court. Therefore they are in mercy. And they are commanded to amend it under pain for every cartload of (12^{d})."

In 1559 there was a presentment " that the Rector of Totinge permits his cattell, to wit, hogs and sheep, to wander in the common, contrary to the pain (set) at the last court, therefore he forfeits that pain, viz., 3s. 4d., but, by favour of the court, it was turned to amercement, viz., 20d." There was a further presentment " that the aforesaid Rector of Totinge did not fill up the pit which he dug in the highway. He is commanded to fill it up by Christmas, under a penalty of 20s., but, by favour of the court, it is turned to amercement, viz., 20d."

* A corruption of issuant, probably damage to vegetation.



John Butts, of Upper Totinge, Robert Lusye, Gent., and John Lawson, carried away gravel and furze. They to pay the fines (3s. 4d.) per load.

In 1561 the Rector of Tooting was again ordered not to permit his beasts to wander in the Lord's commons or lanes, under a penalty of 4d. each time; and whoever took the beasts to the Lord's grounds was to have 2d. of such 4d.

In 1565,* "henceforth no tenant or any other shall put any hemp, called 'hempe,' in the water where the gravel-pits are made within the Lord's common of Totinge-Graveney at any future time, under pain of forfeiture to the Lord of the Manor for every such offence of 20s."

In 1568, "that John Buttes surcharges the Lord's common with geese, to the great injury of all the tenants of this Manor. Therefore he is commanded that henceforth he shall not drive nor pasture his geese there at any time hereafter, under pain of forfeiting to the Lord for every goose 2d., as often as he shall be taken." Furthermore, "it is commanded to the ale tipplers that they shall not take within the Lord's common more than a hundred of furze each of them in each year following, under pain of each of them doing to the contrary forfeiting to the Lord 40d."

In 1569, "that Robert Lewesey enclosed the fifth part by estimation of the two commons, called Totinge Comon, belonging as well to the Manor of Totinge-Graveney as to Totinge-Beke, and that the tenants and inhabitants within the Lordship had that common where he enclosed it from time whereof the memory of men is not. And that the aforesaid Robert Lewsey (*sic*) surcharged the rest of the common aforesaid with his cattle, to the grievous damage of all the tenants of the Manor, and against the statute therefor provided. Therefore he is commanded that hereafter he do it not henceforward

* First Court of Robert Dymoke.

at any time, under a penalty of twopence for every beast as often as is."

In 1570, "it is ordained and decreed that if anyone henceforth surcharges the Lord's common and has nothing of common there of right, everyone so doing shall forfeit to the Lord for every five sheep one penny, and for every cow twopence, and for every horse or mare twopence, as often as they shall be so taken."

In 1571, "that William Heron grubbed a parcel of the waste of the Lord lying by Le Frierne Close, leading from Maningates* towards the Heathe, containing by estimation sixteen roods of land in length, to the grievous damage of the Lord and the tenants of this Manor, and (it is ordered) that he cause it to be amended, and put back the metes and bounds of the hedge as they were of old time, under a penalty of twelvepence for every yard, on this side the Feast of SS. Philip and James the Apostles next."

(NOTE.—For several years the only subjects dealt with at the view of frankpledge were digging gravel and loam, removing furze and undergrowth, and grazing of cattle, etc.)

In 1576 all persons having lands adjoining the common were to fence them, at a penalty of 12d. for every yard.

In 1587, "that John Widopp, gentleman, encroached upon the Lord's waste in moving the pale in the place of Totinge about eighteen inches in breadth and about thirty feet in length. Therefore he is in mercy and has a day to amend it on this side the feast of St. Michael next, or to compound with the Lord of the Manor for it."

"Also Roger Tompson of Micham cut rods, to wit, a burden of rods worth 4d., on the grove by le Howe—he in mercy 3s. 4d. And that Alan Langshawe of Totinge-Beke cut poles in the Lord's land called Busshe Downe—he is in mercy 3s. 4d."

In 1589 it was ordered "that the little lane on the south-

* Many gates.

west part of the church be enclosed by the inhabitants, with a gate, at their charges." There was a presentment "that four trees called elms* against the churchyard belong to the Lord of the manor, and pertain to the Lord because they grew on the Lord's waste. Therefore it is commanded to the baillif to take them to the use of the Lord, and that the Lord ever afterwards shall make the enclosure of the hedges thereof." The name of John Finche appears as owning property.

In 1590 "that Robert Wymple, of Streteham, unjustly and without right, entered into the Lord's lands called Tooting Heathe, and took and carried away fishes, to wit, eels, being in the ponds there, to the value of 10s."

About 1593 Queen Elizabeth granted the manor to James Harrington,† who did not hold it long, passing it in 1597 to Henry Maynard, Esq.,‡ afterwards Sir Henry, secretary to the famous Lord Burleigh.

It would appear that about 1600 Queen Elizabeth paid a visit to this village, and it is certain that she was entertained by Sir Henry Maynard. At the death of Sir Henry the manor became the property of his second son, Sir John, K.B., who died in 1658, and was succeeded by his son, Sir John, Kt., who died 1664. His daughter, Mary, was the wife of Sir Edward Honeywood, Bart.

In the Sidney Papers, vol. ii., p. 210, Rowland White, in a letter to Sir Robert Sidney, says: "The Queen removed on Tuesday to Tooting." The magnificent avenue of trees upon the common was planted during her visit.

In 1600 "the parson, Mr. John Bonde, was presented for incroachinge betwene Vicar's Busshes and the Lorde's grounde, called Geryes meade. Therefore he hath daie to amend the same before Mihēlmas (*sic*) next, uppon paine for every rood undon 12d." In the same year it was

* Worth 20s.

† He held a view of frankpledge in 1595.

‡ Held view of frankpledge, 1598.

ordered that "no forriners (that is, non-parishioners), shall neither comon nor kepe any cattell in the common filde, uppon paine to forfet, for every kinde of cattell, 2d."

In 1601* two of the homage of the manor were styled gentlemen, and four were described as yeomen. In that year three persons† were fined 4d. each for taking fish (to wit, eels), out of the gravel-pits, and three‡ other persons were fined 2s. each for a like offence.

In 1605 penalties were imposed on all the inhabitants of Totinge-Bec, if they cut furze on the common of Totinge-Graveney.

In 1609§ it was ordered "that every father of a family (householder) shall have to his use yearly 100 bundles of gorses"—in English, one hundred bavyns of furrs. Thus we find the old words "bavin" and "furze" are Saxon words, while "bundle" and "gorse" are Norman-French. In this year, for the first time, the name of the Manor is spelt Tooteinge and Tooting.

"That William Wauverton, gent., incroached from the waste of the Lord called How layne a certain parcel of land containing in length two roods by estimation and in breadth one foot and a half at the lower end and three quarters of a foot in the middle of his pale there. He shall remove his pale on this side the feast of St. Michael under pain of 5s." "From August to the following May in every year no furze to be cut under a penalty of 12d. per bundle, or 10s. per cartload." At this court it is granted by the Lord of the Manor, with the consent of the homage, that "John Hazelbrigge, gent., shall hold inclosed to him and his heirs one parcel of wast, in breadth two yards and two feet towards the west and two feet towards the north, and in length twenty-seven yards, as it now lieth enclosed on the south part of the messuage of the

* Jonas Waterhouse, Esq., Steward, held the view of frankpledge.
† Walter Curtis, Leonard Bonham, Edward Teere.
‡ John Livesey, Thomas Paine, Roger Atkinson.
§ John Milner, Steward, held the view of frankpledge.



same John in Tooting aforesaid, rendering therefor yearly to the Lord and his heirs two shillings of lawful money of England at the feasts of St. Michael and the Blessed Virgin by equal portions."

"John Worledg, gent., had granted of the Lord's waste two feet towards the west, eight towards the east, and in length twenty-seven yards, on the south side of his messuage, 2s. to be paid as in the other case." (John Wydupp, gent.,* appears to have held the Court Baron this year.)

In 1612 (Court Baron of Richard Coxe,* Kt.), "John Heringman, charged with keeping strange sheep on the Common and in the Common fields, amerced at 10s. William Kearne of Streatham also did so, he to pay 6s. 8d. William Wauverton had not removed his pales (see *ante*), he to pay 5s. Richard Cowdry, gent., had enclosed waste, he to remove the same or forfeit 20s."

In 1627 (James Dawbeney, gent., Steward), Ordered "that the inhabitants do not cut furze."

In 1660, at a Frankpledge and Court Baron of Lady Mary Maynard,† widow, relict of John Maynard, knight, "It was presented that William Boulton,‡ Alderman and Sheriff of London, encroached upon the King's highway, in Tooting-Graveney, aforesaid, by erecting posts and rails in length twelve yards or thereabouts. And he is amerced for the same in 12d., and they pain him in 20s., if they are not removed before the first day of May next to come, to be forfeited to the Lady of the Manor aforesaid. Also they present Edward Dudson, gentleman, for enclosing an ancient footway leading to the lands of the aforesaid Edward Dudson, near the King's highway there towards le Howe, to the common hurt. And he has a day to open the same as it was heretofore accustomed before

* Acting as lords for Lady Maynard.

† This was a daughter of Sir Thomas Middleton (brother of Sir Hugh), Lord Mayor of London, 1613. ‡ Bolton. See biographies.

the first day of May next, under pain of 20s. to be forfeited to the Lady of the Manor aforesaid, or otherwise in consideration thereof to carry away and lay twenty cartloads of gravel in the lane adjoining the premises aforesaid where it is most needed. Also they present that James Buckingham erected and continued one cottage and encroached upon the Common of Tooting-Graveney aforesaid without the assent or consent of the Lady of the Manor aforesaid." It was also ordered, with the assent of the Lady of the Manor, "that, in consideration of the payment of 25s. to the use of the poor of the parish of Tooting, and of 8d. yearly to be paid to the Lords of the manor, Josua Geeringe,* his heirs and assigns, might enclose a small piece of waste ground in the manor; also that the Lady of the Manor aforesaid inclosed a certain piece of waste ground between the enclosure in English 'the pound' and the mansion house of Margaret Ives, widow, in Tooting-Graveney aforesaid, without the assent or consent of the tenants of this Manor."

John Willson was elected by the homage† "to be keeper of the field and common, and they gave him for his salary as follows:—For every beast wthin the same mannor and parish to be found trespassinge upon the common after the 1st day of November as followeth: For every horse, mare, geldinge, or cowe, iiijd.; and for the same cattell of every stranger, js.; for every hogge unringed, iiijd.; and for every hogge ringed, ijd., if they be taken upon the comon or elsewhere; for every scoare of sheepe, 6d., and soe after the same rate for fewer, and double to strangers. And that the same ffeild keep and comon keep shall have lib'ty and power from time to time to impound the same cattell, w^{ch} are there to remaine

* Gearing.

† Those who pay homage to the Lord of the manor (Edward Dudson, gent.; Josua Geering, gent.; George Endebrooke, Edmund Sayers).



untill the same penaltyes be pay'd and the partyes trespassed satisfyed for the wronges done unto them." It was further provided "that every howseholder wthin this manor shall take of the comon, for his and their owne use, one load of firses for the yeer next to come and noe more, and soe yeerly soe longe as they will hold, provyded that none of them be putt to saille to any person or p^{s}ons whatsoever upon payne of xxs. for every loade to be sold as aforesaid, to be forfeited to the Lady of the Mannor, and that the poore of this parish w^{ch} cannott compasse a loade may fetch bundelles for their oune use and not to sell them to any out of the parish, upon payne of iijs. iiijd. for every bundell, to be forfeyted to the Lady of the Manno^{r}, and the buyers thereof to be lyable to the like peanalty."

In 1665, Josua Geering, on payment of 30s. to the poor and a rent of 6d. per annum, was allowed to enclose a further parcel of waste. John Hebdon was to be allowed, on payment of 45s. to the poor of the parish and a yearly rent of 8d., to enclose a piece of waste, he erecting a brick wall or pale not exceeding six feet in height.

In 1668, Richard Hampton was sworn as Commonkeeper, the Court Baron confirming the rewards and orders as of the previous keeper.

In this year it was discovered that the consumption of furze was too large. It was therefore agreed by all the homage, and divers of the inhabitants of the manor, that no furze should be cut from the common for the space of three years except on the N.E. side of the Cawsey (Causeway) leading from Tooting-Bec to Streathame.

In 1683, at view of Frankpledge and Court Baron of Francis Pemberton, Knight, Sergeant-at-Law, and of Christopher Cratford, gent., Lords of the Manor, before Charles Blount, gent., Steward, *Imprimis*, "Wee do hereby choose and elect Richard Archer, pound-keeper, ffeild-keeper and comon-keeper for the said Manno^{r}, and for the

good of the Toune and Manno^{r} aforesaid, have ordered as followeth—Wee agree that the common ffeild belonging to this parrish and Manno^{r} shall be opened by the said ffeild-keeper every yeare as soon as the corne and hay shall be carried away. Item wee do order and agree that the said ffeild-keeper shall take care as much as in him lyes that no ffurres growing upon the comons of Tooting-Graveney be felled or carried away by any stranger, and that if he doth know of or can discover any stranger that shall cut or carry away any such furrs that he shall discover the same to the constable who shall give him for his pains for every one that he shall discover twelve pence, and that the constable shall att the chardge of the parish cause accõns to be brought at lawe against such p̣'sons as shall cutt or carry away the said ffurrs."

A presentment was also made against the Parishioners of Streatham taking sand, etc., from the Tooting-Graveney Common; the "homage" claiming the right only of Tooting-Graveney to such digging and removal.

The manor of Tooting-Graveney subsequently was held by Sir Paul Whichcote, Bart., who, in 1694, obtained a private Act of Parliament, enabling him to grant Leases for 99 years of the manor.

In 1699 Sir Paul held a Court Baron, when it was declared that "no person, except parishioners, should turn out animals on the commons, penalty 5s. No person to cart or bring any furze off the common, penalty 10s. No person outside the Manor to cut furze, penalty 1s. per bundle. Every cow or horse pounded as trespassers in the common fields shall pay 6d. per head, and the damage to the owner of the ground, and every parishioner shall pay 1s. per head and damage to the owner. The owner of every hogg unringed 4d., only inhabitants, not renters of land, to turn cattle out."

From about the year 1700 the regulations for confining the commonable rights of the manor to the copyholders

and parishioners are much more strictly and stringently set out, declared, and enforced, and for the first time a distinction is made between inhabitants holding of the manor, and other inhabitants holding land, but not tenants of the manor.

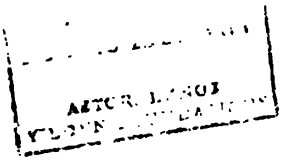
In 1709 it was provided "that if any person carry any ffurs from the comon in a cart, waggon, or waine, or any other way, except on the shoulders of men, women, or children, shall forfeit the sum of 10s." That, "if any forreigners fetch any bundle of ffurse of from the comon on horse, cart, waggon, or any other way, shall forfeit, for every such load that shall be carried away, 1s., and for any that shall carry away in a cart, xxs." A fine of 2s. 6d. was imposed for any distempered, infectious, or diseased horse turned on the common. Foreigners turning cattle on the common were to be fined 5s. a day. Parishioners taking foreigners' cattle, and turning them on the common with their own, were to pay 10s. a week for every 20 sheep, and the same for every horse or cow. No gravell was to be taken off the common, except such as be laid on the Queen's highway, on forfeit of a penny for every load, and no turf, loam, or earth, to be removed, without the consent of the Lord, on pain of 2d. for every load.

By indentures of lease and release, dated the 22nd June, 1714, Sir Paul Whichcote sold and conveyed the manor to Sir James Bateman, Bart.* His son sold the manor and his property in the parish in 1725 to Abraham Atkins, who in 1727 sold it to Percival Lewis,† of Putney, for £15,650.

In 1741, at a Court Baron of Percival Lewis, Esq., John Mann (Man) acknowledged that he held freely by a yearly rent of 1s. to the Lord, relief, fealty, suit of court and other services, one messuage and 12 acres of land, and also by payment of 9½d., etc., 3 other messuages lately

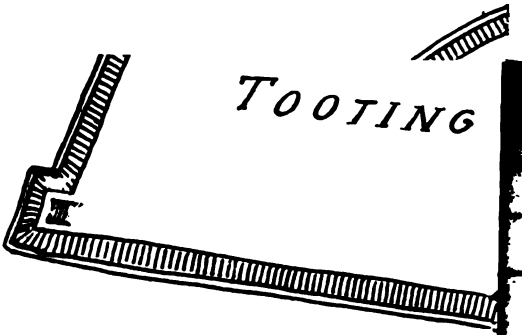
* See biographies.

† He died 1762, and left the manor to his wife Abigail.



Plan of the MANOR of TOOTING-Graven

in the possession of Percival Lewis



man Coldhams', and pays 3 years' arrears. John pays four years' arrears on property held by him. Eleanor Stephens pays one year's quit-rent, 11s. 2d. ew Morinè pays 6s. 8d. for 5 years' quit-rent. Mr. kland Lodge pays 1s. 2d. for 14 years' quit-rent.* am Gover, William Hamley, Thomas Miles, Anthony in, Thos. Brooks, Frances his wife, and Elener Bayne, w, were to be distrained on, for relief and fealty.

1744, at Court Baron of Percival Lewis, James Varley, table, Thomas Ansell, Headborough, Samuel Taylor, d and Common-keeper, did not appear. John Loringe lected Constable, Joseph Akam, Headborough, Thomas pard, Pound and Common-keeper and Aletaster.

ented "that John Arthur holds a cottage built the waste of the Manor, near the sign of the Mitre, other part of the waste lying next the cottage, with- ave of the Lord of the Manor; but the said cottage ected by permission of James Bateman, Esq., then l of the Manor for the term of his natural life only." lso pulled down two cottages on some waste ground, granted a lease for 2,000 years of 60 by 40 feet of e ground to John Man, John Willmott, and John , he not having the power to do so. John Colt had enclosed 5 or 6 rods in How Lane, without permission e Lord of the Manor.

1752 Percival Lewis granted certain lands to Joseph ador, severing them from the manor.

1767, Abigail Lewis† sold her late husband's estate ublic auction, and the Manor was purchased for £770 Morgan Rice, a distiller, at whose death, 1795, it

Part of "The Castle."

Lot 8, Park House and the six brick houses, formerly almshouses man), to Mr. Morgan Rice for £785. Lot 20, the Manor and its s, fees, etc., also two copyhold houses in the High Street, at the r of Pegasus's Avenue, was sold for £770 to Mr. Morgan Rice. t, the Manor house, partly in Streatham, was sold to Mr. Walker 710.

became the property of his son John, and from him descended to John Morgan Rose in 1801.

In 1760 Morgan Rose, Esq.* held a Court Baron. "No person to let any stalls in the common-fields under a penalty of 5s. per time. No person shall in the penalty of 2s. 6d. throw carrion, dogs, cats, or anything offensive into the town ditches, town pond, or other places in the parish, or chamber-pots in the evening or night. That no parishioner shall entertain any Lodger or Lodgers coming with a certificate without giving notice to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the said parish within 3 days after his or their first entrance, on penalty of 10s."

In 1795 John Rose held the Manor. He died 1801, and John Morgan Rose, his son, became Lord.

In 1802 the manor was conveyed to Mr. Platt, then to Charles Pole, and from him to Mr. Henry Baring, who, in turn, sold it to Rees Goring Thomas, Esq., in 1811, who resided at Tooting Lodge. His son, of the same name, who lived at Grove House (now St. Leonard's), sold it in 1861 to W. James Thompson for about £2,000, who also lived at Tooting Lodge, and he in turn sold the manorial rights to the Metropolitan Board of Works.

In 1812 the first general Court Baron of Rees Goring Thomas, Esq., was held at The Castle. "The Lord of the Manor in person informs the court that in consequence of the accidental death of John Harwood, clerk in H.M. Dockyard, by being thrown from his chaise into one of the gravel-pit ponds on the common on April 14, 1811, a Deodand† accrued to Henry Baring, Esq., the then Lord of the Manor, which Deodand was compounded at the sum of 1s., and the same was paid by the friends of the deceased to the present Lord, who paid it over to the late Lord of the Manor. The Lord also in person

* Died 1795, intestate.

† Lat. *Deo dandum*=to be given to God. In old [illegible] caused by accident a person's death was [illegible] Crown or a person appointed by the Crown.

informs the court that he has purchased the Manor of Henry Baring, Esq."

(NOTE.—The details of the encroachments on the rights of the people about this time will be found under the Vestry Minutes.)

In 1822 the general Court Baron of John Gurney and Thomas Hovell.* Rees Goring Thomas, Esq., is mentioned as Steward.

(NOTE.—The freeholder of The Castle describes one little room as "the sot's hole." He held the property at a quit-rent of 1d. per annum.)

In 1827 and 1830 they held Courts at the "Rising Sun."

In 1831, "by an Indenture of Release" on the part of the trustees, widow and children of the late Rees Goring Thomas, all the Freehold Estates and Hereditaments in the county of Surrey of the deceased Rees Goring Thomas were confirmed to his son, of the same name.

In 1833 a Court Baron of Rees Goring, Morgan, and George Thomas, Esqrs., was held at the "Rising Sun."

In 1861 Tooting Lodge, with about 20a. of land, ornamental water, etc.; also three copyhold houses, with four cottages in the rear, rented by Mr. Hy. Molyneux; together with the Manor of Tooting-Graveney, its fines, quit-rents, reliefs, free rents, heriots, and profits from the sale of gravel, sand, loam, and turf, estimated at £100 per annum, were offered for sale.

In 1862, by Indenture between Rees Goring Thomas the elder, and Rees Goring Thomas the younger, and their Mortgagees, they conveyed the Manor to William James Thompson, Esq., on Fee free from all incumbrances.

The Coun[illegible] inc[illegible] old the common in trust for the public [illegible] he future no fear that the people v[illegible] assert their rights to com-

* Te[illegible] 10, 1820, with order to sell the [illegible] of Rees Goring Thomas, who

monage. As to Tooting Lodge and the 22½ acres of land around, it is common knowledge that this, in the near future, will have built upon it an asylum for imbeciles,



MOLYNEUX COTTAGES AND OLD GATEWAY.

under the care of the Metropolitan Asylums Board. Had it not been for the protest of the parish and those who have property around it, a Fever Hospital would have been erected there in 1893.

CHAPTER II.

THE PARISH CHURCH.

As will be seen by the extract from Domesday Book in the opening chapter, there was at that time (1086) a church in the manor. The Anglo-Saxon charters of the



ST. NICHOLAS, TOOTING-GRAVENEY, 1792.

Abbey of Chertsey in 666 record its possession of the manor of Getinges.

The church is dedicated to St. Nicholas, the patron saint of Russia. He was Bishop of Myra, in Lycia, and Metaphrastes states that he was imprisoned under Diocle-



tian, and released by Constantine. In 1087 his relics were removed from the East, to Bari, in the kingdom of Naples. He is the patron saint of the young in Catholic countries. In ancient times in England his feast was observed with great ceremony at the public schools and in cathedral choirs, the choristers electing one of their number, who was made boy-bishop, and who presided over his fellows till the following Holy Innocents' Day. In the Diet Rolls of St. Swithin's, Winchester, 1492-93, the following is to be found:

"Festum Sancti Nicholai Episcopi Cappis, F5, Dec 6.
"Drylynge 4^s, 190 Eggs $1^s.6^d$, Minnows as Entrée 4^d, Whitynge for Pittance 5^d, Mustard $1\frac{1}{2}^d = 6^s.4\frac{1}{2}^d$."

Dugdale's "Monasticon" describes Totinges as follows: ". . . . There is a record amongst the Spiritualistic belonging to the priory of St. Marie Overie: 'Church at Totinges Surry, with whole tithes of his lordship (confirmed by Richard Toclive, Bishop of Winchester). The donor, Hamo de Gravenel,' *Temp. Hen. II.*" (prior of St. Marie at that time, Richard or Valerianus).

In 5 *Edward III.* a portion of the church lands, about 13 acres, and a house were aliened in favour of the prior and brethren of the Holy Cross* next the Tower. This was a small house, and probably served the church.

"*Z.*" (Mr. James Barringer), in the *Parish Magazine* of January, 1884, tells of a supposed subterranean passage from the "Lich Gate," leading to what was probably the house with its thirteen acres alienated to the brethren of the Holy Cross. The house was an old moated mansion, the moats possibly filled with fish, so that the brethren should not want for fish on fast days. These water surroundings likewise served as a protection against robbers, who infested the lonely country lanes and roads

* Dugdale is silent as regards this body, but refers to an alien cell or priory at Tooting-Bec.

around London. Such a passage would be used by the brethren when attending the church for their devotions.

From the time that Hamo de Gravenel gave the advowson to the priory of St. Marie Overie till the Dissolution the church was served as a vicarage (the priory retaining the tithes and allowing the vicar a salary) by the brethren of the priory. Search has been made for a list of these vicars, but they cannot at present be traced. In 1540 the last (32nd) prior of St. Marie Overie, Bartholomew Linstede, *alias* Fowle, surrendered the priory to Henry VIII., and received a pension. The living then became a rectory, the gift of which was granted by Edward VI.* to Edward Fynes, Lord Clinton and Say. (His ancestor, the first Lord Say, the Lord Treasurer, was executed by Jack Cade in 1450.) Doctor Gasquet, in his "Henry VIII. and the English Monasteries," vol. ii., p. 389, says: "Edward, Lord Clinton, had twelve (religious foundations), including the rich lands of the Benedictine abbey of Barking."

Lord Clinton parted with it to Sir Richard Sackville,† in whose family it remained till the middle of the seventeenth century.‡ George, Earl of Berkeley,§ appears as patron in 1683‖ (Hon. George Berkeley was rector). It afterwards became the gift of Sir James Bateman, Bart.,¶ and was annexed to the manor till Mr. Lewis sold it to the Rev. Nicholas Brady, whose daughter brought it in marriage to the Rev. Henry Allen, D.D.,** sometime

* 5 Edw. VI. Grants in Augmentation Office.

† Regist. Winton. Gardiner restored, fol. 8*a*.

‡ Parliamentary Surveys, Lambeth MS. Library.

§ First earl. ‖ Regist. Winton. Morley, p. 102.

¶ Brown Willes Papers, Bod. Lib., Oxon.

** In 1782 Dr. Allen and Brownlow Bishop of Winchester did grant to Herbert Brace a parcel of glebe land, 7a. 1r. 9p., between the turnpike roads leading to Merton and Mitcham, and 1¼ acres or thereabouts, called the Neates, in exchange for three several pieces of land, viz., Upper Path Field, 3a. 2r. 20p.; Upper Barn Field, 2a. 3r. 19p.; and Lower Barn Field, 3a. 2r. 17p.



patron and incumbent. He was followed by the Rev. G. F. Barlow, and the advowson passed into the hands of Peter Broadley, Esq. (Robert Broadley, B.A., was rector 1801-1805). The next patron was Rev. R. W. Greaves, followed by the Rev. John Congreve, the Rev. G. S. Flack, and the present patron, the Rev. Edward Howard Morton, M.A.

Having thus traced the history of the advowson, it will be well to go back and note items of interest.

In 1658 rated at £8 8s. 6½d.* In 1678 valued at £52.*

The priory of St. Marie Overie formerly received a pension of £4 out of the rectory.†

The church is described in 1792 and 1810 as dedicated to St. Nicholas, small structure, nave, chancel and fourth aisle; on north side low circular tower with small spire.

In the archives of the Bodleian Library at Oxford is an ancient *valor beneficiorum*, supposed by Dr. Kennett in his "Parochial Antiquities" to have been compiled 20 Edw. I. (1292). This formerly belonged to Sir Henry Spelman, fol. (a) 117: "*Taxacio bonorum Spiritualium Cleri in* Archidiaconatu Surrei *ensi* Archidiaconatus Surrie Decanatus de Suthwerc" it is stated:

Ecclesia de Totyng - - - - Val 40s.

Richard Toclive (*alias* More), Bishop of Winchester, 1173-1189, when taking under his protection St. Marie Overie, included Totinges. The church remained in the Diocese of Winchester until 1846, when it was transferred with other parishes to London. By the London Diocese Act of 1863, a rearrangement of parishes was made, and on the establishment of the St. Albans Diocese in 1877 the East and Mid-Surrey portion of the London Diocese were transferred to Rochester. Tooting-Graveney was included in the transfer.

* Parliamentary Surveys.

† Cotton MSS. at British Museum. Faustina, A. 8, fol. 256: "A terrier of the glebe at Winchester."

Among the documents in the Public Record Office dealing with the *Church Goods Commission*, Surrey, *temp.* Edw. VI. (commission for Brixton Hundred, Sir Thomas Carden, or Cawerden, Nicholas Leyghe, or Leigh, and John Scott, Sheriff of Surrey in 1548), is the following:

TOTYNG.

This inventory taken by the jury aforesaid:

The xiij daye of December in the yere above written (1553) of all and every suche churche goodes as dothe or ought tapperteyne unto the parishe aforsaid now in the charge of the churche wardens hereafter appereth.

Inprimis a cope of blew satten of Brydges.
Item a cope of red satten of Bridges.
Item a vestment of blew velvet with all thinges therunto belonging.
Item one vestment of blew satten of Bridges with all things therunto belonging.
Item hanginges to thaulter of white and grene satten of Bridges.
Item ij chalices of sylver parcell gilte.
Item a corporas with a case.
Item iij small belles hanging in the steple.
Item ij aulter clothes of diaper.
M^d^. That these were churche wardens in the first yere of the Kinges Majesties reigne (1547) that now is.

THOMAS BLAKE.
WILLIAM HODSON.

M^d^. That there was stollen out of the churche in anno. quarto regni regis prædicti these parcelles following viz ij corporas with their cases a crosse of latten gilte candlestickes of latten with their tapers and all other thinges that were in the churche at that tyme were taken awaye but by whom we know not.



M[d]. That the accomptes taken of the churche wardens according to our charge there remayneth due unto the churche N[l].

WILLIAM HUDSON, THOMAS BONHAM } Sidemen.
ROGER MARSHALL, RICHARD KINGESTON } Wardens charged with the goodes.

The following is from the Losely MSS.:

This ys the indentid certificat mayde the xxvj[u] daye off September in the syxte yere off the reigne off owre sovereign lorde the kynge by the grace off God off Englonde Fraunce and Irlande kynge defender off the off the* fayth and in earthe off the churche off Englande and Irlande the supreme hedde bytwene Sir Thomas Chawrden knygth John Scott Nicolas Leygh esquieres the Kynges Majesties commissioners within the hundrede off Bryxton in the counte off Surre off the one parte and Wyllyam Hodson and Thomas Boihum parissheners of Totynge Graveney in sayd counte off Surre off the other parte for and concernynge the just and trewe inventorie and declaracion off all and singuler the goodes plate juelles vestyments belles and ornamentes wich were and dyd belonge and appertaygne unto the parische churche off Totynge Graveney aforesayd synce the fyrst yere off the roygne off our sovereigne lorde unto thys daye accordynge to certen articles by and from the sayde commissionris (*sic*) unto thys sayde Wyllym Hodson and Thomas Boihum lately yewen and exhibitede as here ensuithe.

Ffyrst the sayde Wyllym Hodson and Thomas Boihum dowe certefe that Thommas Blake and Wyllym Hodson were churchewardens off the sayde parische churche off Totynge Graveney in the ffyrst yere off the reigne off owre sovereigne lorde the Kynges Majesties that now

* *Off the* repeated in MS.

ys and they dyd remane ther in the spasse off ffhore yere and then cam in Roger Marchall Rychart Kynston and nowe remayneth.

Secondely the sayde Wyllym Hodson and Thomas Boihum dowe here exhibett and deliver the conterpane off a certen inventorie and declaracion off the churche goodes wich was by they abowe namyde churche wardens late takyn and exhibyed before Sir Thommas Pope Sir Robart Cursson knigthes John Scott John Eston esquiris the xxvjth daye off Marche in the thyrde yere off the reigne off owre sovereigne lorde that nowe ys and other accomptes or inventorie they dow fynde none.

Thirdely that off all and singuler the goodes plate juelles vestymentes belles and other ornamentes wich were and dyd appertaygne and belonge unto the sayde parische churche off Totynge Graveney from the sayde ffyrst yere off the reigne off the Kynges Majesties that nowe ys and att thys daye dowe remayne this ys just and trewe inventorie as here folowith.

Imprimis a cope off blewe satten of Brygges.
Item a cope of rede satten of Brygges.
Item vestyment off blwe velfet with all thynges belonggth.
Item vestyment blwe satten off Brygges with all thynges thereto belonggth.
Item hanggynges to the autre off wythe and grene satten off Brygges.
Item ij challes off silver and parcell gylte.
Item a corporis with a casse.
Item iij small belles that hanggyth in the styple.
Item ij auter clowhyes off dyapurr.

These parcelles under wrytten were stowlyn out off the churche abowte the moneth of May in the iiij^{e} yere off the reigne off owre sovereign lorde that now ys:
Inprimis ij corporis with the cassys.



Item a crosse of latten gylte.
Item candelstyks off laten with the tapures.
Item and all other thynges that were in the churche att that tyme was takyn away.

(*Two marks. No signatures.*)

The following certificate is taken from a volume in the Public Record Office, entitled "Surrey Church Goods, *temp.* Edw. VI.":

TOTING GRAVENEY.

Wardens Richard Kingston, Roger Marshall. Deliverid unto the wardens ther xix day of May anno regni regis Edwardi vj^{ti} vij^{o} by Sir Thomas Carwarden Sir Thomas Saunder knightes John Scott Nicholas Leigh and William Saunder esquiors commissioners of our soveraing lorde the king among other to that effect these persel of churche goodes here after ensuing:

Imprimis a chalice poix x oz iiij qrt.
A cope of olde red sattin and a aulter cloth of sattin of Bridges for the communyon table.
Also remaining in their charge to the kinges use iij belles in the steple.

ROGER MESECHOLL.

Recevid a challice withoute a cover poiz vij oz d qrt.

SALES.

All thornamentes solde for xiiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Summa xiiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

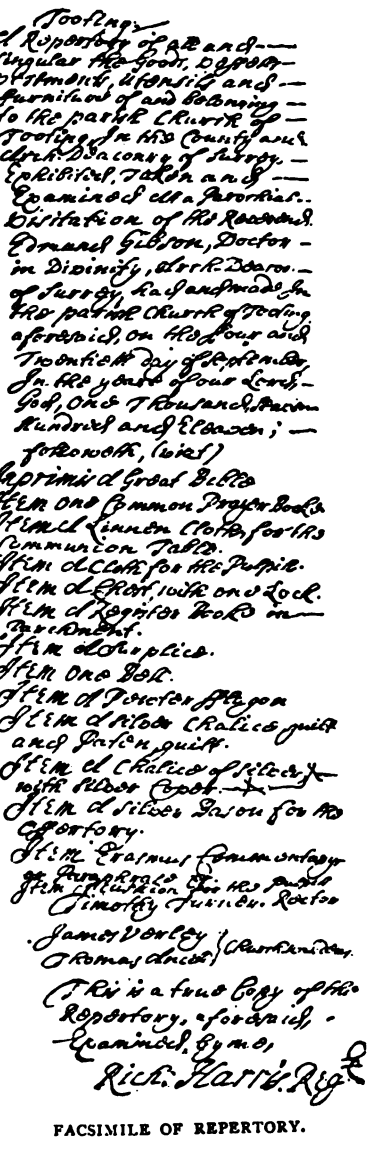
The following document was found between the leaves of a Churchwarden's Account Book. It is beautifully written on vellum. A facsimile will be found facing this.

TOOTING.

A Repertory of all and singular the Goods, Vessells Vestments, Utensils and ffurniture of and belonging to the parish Church of Tooting, in the County and Arch-

Deaconry of Surrey, Exhibited, Taken and Examined Att a Parochial Visitation of the Reverend Edmund Gibson, Doctor in Divinity, Arch-Deacon of Surrey, had and made In the parish Church of Tooting, aforesaid, on the ffour and Twentieth day of September, in The yeare of our Lord, God, one thousand seaven Hundred and Eleaven followeth (*vizt.**):

Inprimis A Great Bible.
Item one Common Prayer Book.
Item A Linnen Cloth for the Communion Table.
Item A Cloth for the Pulpitt.
Item A Chest, with one Lock.
Item A Register Booke in Parchment.
Item A Surplice.
Item One Bell.
Item A Pewter fflagon.
Item A Silver Chalice guilt and Paten guilt.
Item A Chalice of Silver with Silver Cover.
Item A Silver Bason for the Offertory.



FACSIMILE OF REPERTORY.

* In old documents *viet* is often written *vizt.*

Item Erasmus Commentary, or Paraphrase.
Item a Cushion for the Pulpitt.

TIMOTHY TURNER, Rector.
JAMES VERLEY } Churchwardens.
THOMAS ANCELL }

This is a true Copy of the Repertory, aforesaid, Examined by me Rich : Harris, Regr.

On the back :

Received Six Shillings and Eight pence.
RICH : HARRIS, Regr.

Endorsed on the back : "The Within Mentioned Silver cover was sold in the yere 1718."

TIMO : TURNER.
JOHN MAN.
JOHN LYNN.

MONUMENTS IN THE OLD CHURCH AS PUBLISHED IN AUBREY'S "SURREY," 1717-19.

On a black Gravestone, in the South Cross Ile, is this Inscription :

ISAAC onely son of ISAAC BRAND, of this Parish, Gent, who through a Fall from his Horse departed this Life MAY the 3d 1701, aged 22 yeares.

Here lyeth interred the Body of ISAAC BRAND, Esqr, of this Parish, a worthy Benefactor to the Poor of this & several other Parishes, as also to several Hospitals in LONDON, and was Master of the worshipful COMPANY of DRAPERS, to whom he was likewise a Benefactour. He was FATHER of the above-said ISAAC BRAND and dyed the 5 of September 1712 in the 68th Year of his Age.

(Now in the churchyard.)

On another black Marble Grave-Stone in the Middle Ile is this Inscription :

Subtus jacet GULIELMUS TURNER Colsdoniæ, natus Octobris 19, 1694 hic autem denatus Octobris 15, 1714.

Filius TIMOTHEI TURNER, Doctoris Artum utriusque Parochialis Ecclesiæ RECTORIS, et LÆTITIÆ Uxoris ejus, Morbillis cecidi, Christo veniente resurgam.

(Now in the churchyard.)

On a black Marble enchas'd in white on the North Wall of the Church, are these words on the sides (viz.), John, Elizabeth, Richard, Mary, Thomas, Robert; and on the tablet in capitals is this inscription:

Sacred to the Memory of SIR JOHN HEPDON, Kt, Gent in Ordinary to his Majesties Privy-Chamber, twice Envoy to the great Emperour of Russia, and from him Delegat to divers great Princes and Estates of Europe, in all which Embassies and publique Negotiations he accquitted himself with much Fidelity, Prudence, and Honour, and to promote the Interest of CHARLES the first, and CHARLES the 2^{d}. spared neither Purse nor Person, though to the Prejudice of his owne. He had by his dear Lady 6 Children, fower Sonns and two Daughters. And having lived laudibly, died the 10 of June, 1670 in the 59 Year of his Age, finished his short, but well spent Pilgrimage. To whose Memory his Sonne and Heir JOHN HEPDON Esq. dedicates this Monument.

On a black Marble Grave-Stone under the former is this Inscription:

Here lyeth the Body of Deputy JOSEPH SCRIVEN who departed this Life 5th of Aug. 1704 in y^{e} 73^{d} year of his Age. And also the Body of BRIDGET his Wife who departed this Life the 6th Day of July 1707 in the 74th year of her Age.

(Now in the churchyard.)

On a Brass plate fixed in the East Wall of the Church, gilt, the Figures of a Man and Woman fronting one

another and praying on each Side of a Desk between them.

(This brass is in the south transept of the present church.)



FITZWILLIAM BRASS.

On a white Free-stone in the middle Ile, is this Inscription:

Here lieth JAMES TURNER the son of Timo. and LETITIA, his Wife, who died Feb. 9, 1700.

(Now in the churchyard.)

On the North Side of the altar is an uncommon beautiful Monument with this Inscription:

In the Memory of that excellent Person Dame Esther Bateman, youngest daughter of John Searle, late of Finchley, Esq^r, the Prudent, Virtuous and dearly be-

oved Wife of Sir James Bateman, Kn[t] and Alderman of London, after 18 years spent in the Sacred Friendship of Matrimony, she departed this Life the 30 Sep. 1709, in the 35[th] year of her Age, leaving 4 Sons William, James, Richard, and Henry, and 3 Daughters Anne, Judith, and Elizabeth.

Her Affectionate and Sorrowful Consort erected this Monument in Testimony of his constant Tenderness, Esteem & Respect for one of the best of Wifes. Anno 1710.



(This Monument is in the porch of the present Church, and the above illustration is taken from it.)

In the churchyard on a tomb is this inscription:

Here lyeth the Body of Sir John Maynard, Knt of the Noble Order of the Bath, who departed this life the 29[th] Day of July Anno Dom: 1658 Aged 66.

Here lyeth the Body of Sir John Maynard Kt (Sonne of Sir John Maynard Kt of the Bath) whoe departed this life 14th May 1664 Aged 30.

(NOTE.—This tomb is in the churchyard now, but the inscription is almost worn off.)



OLD CHURCH

NEW CHURCH.

The details as to the building of the new church will be found in the Vestry Minutes.

"The new church was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester* on Thursday, February 14, 1833. His lordship spent the previous night with Mr. Rees Goring Thomas, the Lord of the Manor. At eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the Bishop with his chaplain and Mr. Thomas arrived at the residence of Dr. Lord. The venerable

* Charles Richard Sumner, D.D., 1827-1869. Died 1874.

Archdeacon of the diocese, Dr. Dealtry, with a numerous body of the clergy from neighbouring parishes were awaiting his arrival. They then adjourned to the church, and found the gentlemen of the Building Committee awaiting them. The service was conducted by the new curate, the Rev. J. B. Marsden. The anthem, composed by Mr. Kent, 'When the Son of man shall come in His glory,' was sung by Messrs. Evans, Turle, and Bradbury, and Masters Howe, Sage, E. Hopkins, and J. Hopkins, of Westminster Abbey choir. Mr. J. L. Brownsmith, organist of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, accompanied.

"The Bishop preached from Psalm cxxii. 7, and a collection amounting to £85 was made. After the service the clergy and a number of gentlemen adjourned to Dr. Lord's for luncheon. After the guests were seated Mr. Rees Goring Thomas rose, and addressing Dr. Lord in a most eloquent and complimentary speech, presented him, on behalf of the inhabitants of the parish, with a piece of plate, having the doctor's armorial bearings richly emblazoned, and the following inscription engraved upon it:

"'Presented to the Rev. Samuel Curlewis Lord, D.D., sixteen years curate of this parish, as a token of esteem and regard. Tooting-Graveney, February 14, 1833.'

"After a suitable reply from Dr. Lord, the Bishop testified with great warmth and energy to his gratification at the scene he had just witnessed, and his approbation that so many clergy were assembled, and concluded with an eloquent encomium on the Rev. J. B. Marsden, in whose favour Dr. Lord had resigned. Among those present were Lord W. Russell, Rector of Streatham,* Lord Montague, and Archdeacon Hoare."—*Parish Magazine.*

* The Rev. the Right Honourable Lord Wriothesley Russell, born May 11, 1804, died April 5, 1886, aged 81 years. He was Rector of Streatham for about four or five years (1830-1835).



The church was built by Mr. Hicks, jun., of Tooting-Graveney, from the designs of Mr. Atkinson, of Stamford Street. It had a handsome stained glass window, presented by the Lord of the Manor, and the altar-screen was a copy of Carlo Dolci's "Salvator" painted and presented by Mr. Ashby, of Mitcham, to whom it was returned later on.

There was a sad ending to this festive day, as within two hours of the consecration, the venerable and benevolent rector, Dr. Ravenhill, died suddenly from apoplexy. He was eighty-two years of age, and very infirm, and for a few days before had been in a precarious state.

The new church is, considering its date of erection, not a bad specimen of the Pointed style. It had galleries, both the north and south of which have been removed; a lofty square tower of four storeys, terminating in an open parapet and pinnacles, several of which have been removed of late. In 1873-75 an apsidal chancel with organ-chamber* on the north, and vestry on the south side, was built from the designs of Mr. F. St. Aubyn. This chancel contains fine stained glass memorial windows, particulars of which are given opposite.

In 1884 the body of the church was reseated with open benches, and in 1889, by the exertions of the late rector and patron of the living, north and south transepts in harmony with the chancel were erected. During the time the Rev. Edward Howard Morton was rector of the parish, he instituted and opened the Church House in Aldis Street, which has been a great boon to the working-men of Tooting-Graveney. A tablet was erected there soon after he left the parish commemorating the fact. In 1895 the whole interior of the church was cleaned down and repainted.

* The present organ, a gift of Mr. Rees Goring Thomas, built in 1860 by Joseph Walker, was originally in the west gallery, but was moved to its present position in 1878. The description on p. 44, given by Mr. J. Percy Baker, Bac. Mus., Dunelm, A.R.A.M., will probably interest the reader.

Stained Glass and Monuments.

In the sanctuary the centre light was given by some pupils of the Rev. John Congreve, in memory of his son, Walter Ernest, who died at the age of nineteen, in 1873. The north-east light is in memory of Charles Edward Carter, aged thirty-two, 1873. The window in the south-east has one light in memory of the mother of Marian Hooper, and the other as a thank-offering from Sarah H. Doulton.* The two windows on either side are of decorative glass in memory of Rev. W. Tipton (curate 1870-73).

The large window in the south transept was given by Agnes Maria, widow of the late Stephenson Clarke, Esq., "To the glory of God, and to the loved and revered memory of those members of the Clarke Family, formerly residing at The Rookery in this parish, who worshipped in this church, and lie buried in the adjoining churchyard." The ten subjects are chosen from the life of our Lord, and comprise the Presentation in the Temple, His Baptism, Public Ministry, the Transfiguration, Gethsemane, the Crucifixion, the Angels at the Sepulchre, Mary at the Grave, Peter Forgiven, the Ascension. The circular light above represents the Lamb with Angels singing "Holy, Holy, Holy."

A lancet window in the same transept is to the memory of two dear brothers, Samuel Francis and Charles Arthur Lucas, given by G. A. M. and M. H. M., 1889. The subject is "The Christian Panoply."

In the east of the north transept is a window, subject, "The Good Shepherd," and on a tablet underneath,

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"To the Glory of God & in loving memory of
SAMUEL CURLEWIS LORD, D.D.
For many years Curate of this parish &
EMILY his wife."

* Wife of Sir Henry Doulton, of Lambeth Pottery fame.



In the west of the north transept is a window, the subject being, "The Light of the World," after the celebrated painting by Holman Hunt. The effect of the light from the lantern is at times remarkable, and underneath on a tablet:

"This window, erected by public subscription, commemorates the faithful ministry of the Rev^{d} EDWARD HOWARD MORTON, M.A., Rector of this parish, 1880-1893.

"During this period the north and south transepts were added."

On the east wall is a monument:

"ROBERT BAYLEY 1835."
(1st buried in the new church.)

A brass on the south side of the sanctuary records as follows:

"To the glory of God this Chancel was built and consecrated during the Rectorship of the Rev^{d} John Congreve for the years 1867 to 1875. The Rev W. Tipton being his Curate from June 1870 to October 1873. One of the stained windows was given to the Rector in 1873, one is a thankoffering, the others are memorials to those whose names they bear. The circular lights represent the patron saint S^{t} Nicholas with S^{t} Agnes & S^{t} Dorothea. The 6 upper subjects are scenes chosen from the life of the prophet Elijah. Those below illustrate the text of S^{t} Luke 4 . 17 . 18.—'There was delivered,' etc.

JOHN CONGREVE, M.A., Rector.
W. H. DAWSON, } Ch'Wardens."
F. R. HARRIES, }

In the south transept is the Fitzwilliam brass referred to in the "Monuments" in the old church, and—

A monument "In memory of the Rev^{d} JOHN RAVENHILL D.D. aged 79 years, having been Rector of this parish 28 years, he died beloved and lamented on the 14th of

Feby 1833 the same day on which this church was consecrated to the service of Almighty God." His remains were interred in a vault under the site of the old church in which he ministered.

" In memory of RICHARD ALSAGAR, Elder
Brother of Trinity House & M.P. for the Eastern
Division of the County."

" In memory of SOPHIA ELIZABETH, wife of
Rev^d. RICHARD WILSON GREAVES, 1857.
Erected by the parishioners."

" In memory of RICHARD & ELIZA GIBBS,
1864-74."

(Mr. Gibbs, who was very benevolent, was generally beloved.)

" In memory of MARY,* the beloved
wife of W P Flower Esq of Hill House
(*afterwards of Furzedown*).
Born at Felwell, Norfolk 1816 & died at
Scarborough 1857.
'We know,' etc., ii Cor v 1."

There are a number of monuments to the Rice family.

In the nave of the church are monuments to:

William Powell of Vauxhall and his wife Elizabeth.

Sir John Hebdon (removed from the old church).

Mary and Thomas Holmes.

William Fuller, late of Upper Tooting, and Mary his wife.

Edward Daun and Elizabeth his wife, 30 years inhabitants of the parish.

William Penfold and Elizabeth his wife.

Matilda, wife of George Medley, and daughter of Daniel and Ellis Blachford.

Philip Gidley King, R.N., Late Governor of N. S. Wales.

* Mother of Lord Battersea.



On a stone removed from the old church is:

"Beneath this place in a family vault are deposited the remains of RALPH PLUMBE, who died March 1 1776 aged 22. This small tribute of affection was here placed by his afflicted parents Samuel Plumbe Alderman of the City of London and Francis his wife. The said SAMUEL PLUMBE died Feby 21 1784 aged 66, & was here also interred. Also FRANCES, wife of the said Samuel Plumbe, who died Apl 1811 aged 84 years."

(NOTE.—This vault is in the churchyard on the site of the old church. Readers will find its purchase recorded in the Vestry Minutes).

The Clarke family, who have been great benefactors to the parish, have several monuments:

William Clarke, 1799.
Robert Clarke, of the Rookery, born 1782, died 1849.
Maria Elizabeth, his wife, born 1794, died 1870.
John Clarke, died 1792.
Jane Strachan, relict of above, afterwards wife of James Strachan, 1845.
Jonathan Chapman, born 1767, died 1846.

In the catacombs under the west end of the church are the following vaults:

John Reid, 1847.
George Evans, 1840; Sarah, 1855.
Rev. J. B. Marsden.
Mrs. Mary Doolan, 1841.
Chas. Fourdrinier, 1841; Mary, 1850.
William H. Wells, of Wandsworth.
Mary Frances Stevenson Bezer, wife of Henry Bezer, of Kensington (sister of W. H. Wells), and her infant son (1834), Henry Wells Bezer.
Edward Wells, 1840.
Rev. R. W. Greaves (family vault of).

Richard Alsagar.
John Bayley, Esq., family vault of.
John Clarke, Esq.
William Clarke, Esq.
Mary Christian Woodruff, 1840.
Jane Strachan, 1845.
W. Perry, Esq. family vault, 1849.
Robert Clarke, Esq., family vault.

CHURCH PLATE OF ST. NICHOLAS, TOOTING-GRAVENEY.

Silver-gilt Cup.—Weight, 14 oz., 11 dwt. Height, 7⅞ in. Diam. of bowl, 4½ in., of foot, 4⅝ in. Depth of bowl, 4¼ in. London hall-marks of 1669: 1. Leopard's head crowned in outline. 2. In a plain shield S R, a rose below. 3. Black-letter capital W. 4. Lion passant in outline.

Silver-gilt Paten Cover.—Weight, about 5 oz. Diam., 6 in. Height, 1¼ in. Hall-marks as above.

The following entry in one of the old parish registers gives a full history of the above cup and cover: "Dies Solis. This day being the 7th of Decemb. 1673 was presented & Given for ever by Mr. Thomas Sanders To the Parish Church of Tooteing Graveney For ye Sole and Propper use of the Comunion Service A Large Guilded Cup or Chalice of Plate with a Cover belonging to it wth this Inscription on both of them, 'Altari Sacrum Paroch: Eccliæ de Tooting Ex dono Tho: Sanders Generosi.' Upon ye Cup or Chalice was ye Coate mantles and Crest of the Donors Armes and on ye Inside of ye foote thereof was sett 1673.

"Upon ye Cover On ye Inside brim 1673 with ye Inscription & ye Crest only beeing the Elephant's head. Belonging to this a Case of Red Leather Gulded & Sett on it 'Tooting Church Surry' & lined within with red Plush."

This case, it may be added, has disappeared. The cup is of the usual shape of that period, having a slightly bell-



shaped bowl, a plain stem divided by a knop, and spreading foot. The cover has a foot.

Silver-gilt Cup.—Weight, 18 oz. 4 dwt. Height, 8 in. London hall-marks of 1813. Maker's initials, W F., perhaps those of W. Fountain.

This is a copy of the older cup. Under the foot is this inscription: "Altari Sacrum Paroch. Ecclæ de Tooting ex Dono Roberti Bridges A.D. 1814."

Silver-gilt Cup.—Weight, 21 oz. 17 dwt. Height, 8⅝ in. London hall-marks of 1890. Maker, J. Keith.

Inscribed under the base, "S. Nicholas, Tooting Graveney, 1890." There is a small crucifix on one face of the sexfoil foot.

Silver-gilt Paten.—Weight, 7 oz. 5 dwt. Diam., 6 in. London hall-marks of 1813. Maker's initials, W F.

On the face of this paten, which has a foot, there is the following unfinished inscription: "Altari Sacrum Paroch. Ecclæ de Tooting ex Dono."

Silver Plate.—Weight, 10 oz. 18 dwt. Diam., 7¾ in. London hall-marks of 1813. Makers, Emes and Barnard.

Inscribed round the back of the rim, "Altari Sacrum Paroch. Ecclæ de Tooting ex Dono Johannis Hodges A.D. 1814."

Silver Flagon.—Weight, 54 oz. 13 dwt. Height, 11 in. London hall-marks of 1822. Maker's initials, R. H.

Inscribed, "Donation to Saint Nicholas Church Lower Tooting Surry by Margaret Bridges, 1822. Gilbert Goldsmith to his Majesty London fecit."

Silver Bowl.—Weight, 10 oz. 18 dwt. Diam., 7¾ in. Length of handle, 5¼ in. London hall-marks of 1672: 1. Leopard's head crowned in outline. 2. Between pellets J S, a pellet below. 3. Black-letter capital B. 4. Lion passant in outline.

This bowl, which is used for collecting alms, is in shape

like an ordinary soup plate, and has an ivory handle. It is inscribed, "John Hebden Esqr. Churchwarden of Tooting 1671."

With the exception of this bowl and of the oldest cup the usual sacred monogram in rays with cross and nails is engraved on every piece.

Mr. Hebden or Hebdon* was the eldest of the four sons of Sir John Hebdon, Knt., a busy man during the reigns



THE BEADLE'S STAFF.

of Charles I. and Charles II., "for whose interest he spared neither purse nor person, though to the prejudice of his owne."—*Church Plate of Surrey.*

The Beadle's staff is Hanoverian in design.

* Mr. Hebdon always signed the Vestry Minutes 'Jno. Hebdon,' in a bold, clear handwriting, with many flourishes. Vestry clerks, monumental masons and others, spelt it according to their own sweet will, Hepden, Hepdon, Hebden or Hebdon.

SPECIFICATION OF THE ORGAN AT ST. NICHOLAS, TOOTING-GRAVENEY.

Great Organ.—1. Bourdon, 16-feet tone, 56 notes; 2. Open diapason, 8 feet, 56 notes; 3. Stopped diapason, 8-feet tone, 56 notes; 4. Gamba (to tenor C), 8 feet, 44 notes; 5. Flute, 4 feet, 56 notes; 6. Principal, 4 feet, 56 notes; 7. Harmonic flute, 4-feet tone, 56 notes; 8. Fifteenth, 2 feet, 56 notes; 9. Sesquialtera, 4 ranks; 10. Trumpet, 8 feet, 56 notes.

Swell Organ.—1. Double diapason, 16-feet tone, 44 notes; 2. Open diapason, 8 feet, 44 notes; 3. Stopped diapason, 8-feet tone, 44 notes; 4. Principal, 4 feet, 44 notes; 5. Fifteenth, 2 feet, 44 notes; 6. Mixture, 3 ranks; 7. Oboe, 8 feet, 44 notes; 8. Horn, 8 feet, 44 notes; 9. Clarion, 4 feet, 44 notes.

Choir Organ.—1. Dulciana (to tenor C), 8 feet, 44 notes; 2. Stopped diapason, 8-feet tone, 56 notes; 3. Gemshorn, 4-feet, 56 notes; 4. Wald flute (to tenor C), 4 feet, 44 notes; 5. Clarionet (to tenor C), 8 feet, 44 notes.

Pedal Organ.—1. Violone, 16-feet tone, 30 notes; 2. Open diapason, 16 feet, 30 notes.

Couplers.—1. Swell to great; 2. Choir to swell; 3. Great to pedals; 4. Choir to pedals.

Five composition pedals to great organ.

The swell only extends downward to tenor C, the lowest octave being grooved into the stopped diapason and gemshorn on the choir organ. It will be seen that exactly one-half of the stops are thus of incomplete compass.



CHAPTER III.

THE VESTRY-BOOKS.

THE vestry minutes begin in 1709 and continue with a slight break until the present day.

In making these extracts, it has been the aim of the compiler to present only matters of local interest and historical value. Those having reference to encroachments are inserted in their chronological order. The locally famous case of Betts *v.* Thompson will be dealt with separately. Where needful the days of the month are inserted, but in most cases only the year in which the minutes occur.

1709. The Booke of Acc^tts^ and Recepts for the Parish of Tooting-Graveney and y^e^ Beginning of the Entry of acc^tts^ in this Booke was in the year of Our Lord 1709.

(The following entry, although not strictly chronological, is on the first page.)

1738. Memorand^m^. Deliver'd this Eleventh day of May 1738* to William Grover now Churchwarden and overseer of the poor of the parish of Tooting the parish chest & the Church plate & Table Linnen

* Thornton Man was overseer in 1737. William Grover, churchwarden and overseer 1738.



belonging to the parish church as witness my hand,

THOS. DRINKWATER, THORNTON MAN.

(NOTE. Some wag has written 'Drinkbeer' here at a later date.)

1709, *May 20th.* Charles Linton paid then seven pound to Thos Ansell Being Moneys he received of Mr Bynes Being Mr Smthse gift, the money Thos Ansell received was his and as y^e^ agree^mt^ for Bushnall his apprentice & Twelve Shillings and eightpence he paid now into the hands of John Midgee who officiated the office of Church Warden for Mr Hester which being in full of the money he rec^d^ of Mr Bynes which appears by his accounts and is in all the full sum of Seven pounds Twelve shillings and Eightpence Seven shillings and fourpence abated for receipts which amounts in all to the full sum of eight pounds ———— 08 00 00

Memor: Mr Edwarde Sares received forty shill: which he paid to Morris Griffens wife & twenty shill: Griffen had when prest into the Queens Service being in all three pound which he gave a receipt for which moneys was paid by her Majesties Receiver Gen^ll^ of the Land Taxe Dated y^e^ Second of May 1709.

This Morris was prest to serve under Cap^t^ ffoley in the Honnourable Cornall Watkins Rigm^t^ of ffoot. His last abiding as servant was with John Waker in Eburry primes in the county of Shropshire his wife went from this parish of Tooting Aug y^e^ 17^th^ 1709.

Memod: Sep^tr^ y^e^ 12^th^ 1709. Att a parish Meeting att the Castle it was agreed on the particulars ffollowing that Goody Hausman was to be Allowed five shillings ye weeke untill the time of her Lying

In and then More as occation requiree, and that she should Continue att her house if she Could prevaile with any friend to pay or Cause to be paid half the rent, or Else she is to go to the house of The Wido Lewis. And that The Wido: Bushnall rent was deferred tell further Consideration. And That John Harvy was to have a Certivicat.

Rec^{d} of Mr Bynes March the 21st 1709 the Sum of five pounds fourteen shill & sixpence being for three years five shill & sixpence abated which is a gift of Henry Smith Esq^{r} to the poore of Tooting which is to be paid out of Kernsing wood* in Kent and there remains behind at Lady day next one year's due. I say rec^{d} the abouesd sum

	£	s.	d.	
by me Jo^{n} Midgee	05	14	6	=06 00 00
Abated	0	5	6	

Rec^{d} as one the other side of Mr Bynns for y^{e} poore Five pounds fourteen shillings & sixpence. Rec^{d} more as on the other side of Charles Linton the sum of twelve shillings & eightpence for y^{e} s^{d} use. I say rec^{d} the s^{d} sums as dated in side by me Jn^{o} Midgee 06 07 02

1710. Layde out for Cloathing the poore of the above said Moneys to those whose names are here sett down March y^{e} 28th 1710.

Wido Lynn, Wido Lander, Wido Bushnall and Girls, Wido Laufman, Wido Caustall, Wido ffreeland, Wido Bond, W^{m} Ely, Goody† Allen, Goody Gibson, Goody Lane, Goody ffrances and Girls, Goody Day or Asby, Mary Day, Goody Badger, Eliz Haynes. The full sum of four pounds nine shillings & three pence 4 09 03

* Kemsing, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

† A term of civility applied to a woman, as was 'goodman' to a man.

Soe there remains in his hands for the poor the sum of one pound seventeen shillings & eleven pence of the abouesd Money's 1 17 11

Rec^{d} of Jo^{n} Midgee the sum of one pound seventeen shillings & eleven pence being money he had in his hands of Mr Smiths gift to the poor as is abue menctned. I say rec^{d} in full by me 1 17 11
Thos. Ansell.

Paid Tho. Shorey at seuerall Times 01 05 06

TOOTING IN Y^{e} YEAR 1710:

The Goods in the hands of the Churchwardens which belong to the use of the Church & parish. One chest one gilt Bowle & pattin one Silver bowle & River* one Silver plate wth a handle one pewter fflaggon and Dyaper table cloath, one black box with writings consearning the parish. There is a Black Cloth & bagg which belongs to the parish in the hands of the Clarke of the s^{d} parish and a dyaper Napkin.

1705. (As written, though not chronologically accurate.) Memorand. John Major, Overseer of the poore for the yeare 1705 rec^{d} then two pound ten shill of the parish of Streathem for gravel dugg in the Common being Money for y^{e} use of the poore of this parrish which he never gave account for as appears in the poore Book 02 10 00

1710. Memorand: April y^{e} 17th at a parish Meeting it was agreed by the parishioners there that the Wife of Thos Lane should have a eleven shillings a month for keeping the Child that was left at the House of Edw Sares on fryday night April the 14 1710 till further order.

The Minister and Churchwardens distributed the sum of £20 left by Mr Bickley formerly the Rector

* Reference to the terrier of 1711 (see p. 29) proves this to be "cover."

of the parish In sums varying from £4 down to 1s.

1712. Widow Hausman having dydd the overseers sold her goods for - - 10 9 9
Money found in her house - - 8 7 0

18 16 9

Her debts & other charges - 7 1 3
To the widow's apothecary - 15 6

7 16 9

This was given to her children - - 11 0 0

1719. Memorand: it was agreed June ye 29th 1719 att a parish Meeting at James Grove's that Richard Wheatland should have Wm Hausman as apprentice tell he came to the age of one and twenty years and he was to Receive of the said parish the sum of Six pounds and the said Richd Wheatlands to provide and find him in Cloaths the whole Tearm of his apprentieship and to cease from the day and date abovesaid to receive or demand of the sd parish any money for his keeping him tell the time of his binding him apprentice and he the said Richd Wheatlands doth further promise to the said parishioners that he will when the Boy comes to the age of fourteen years bind him againe by way of Indenture to make him a free man of London There was att the said parish Meeting at the same time of this agreement

Mr. Turner	(Rector)	Charles Linton
James Grove, John Creesey	Churchwardens	Richard Wheatland, John Midgee
Tho Ansell	Overseer	Wm Palmer

1721. The parish agreed that £3 16 0 from the Smith Charity should be paid to John ffrances towards the putting out of his son apprentice.

1726. That the Rt Honbl the Lord Bateman be desired to



pay his father's legacy with the interest thereon due, to John Man, he bringing the Ministers and Ch:Wardens' discharge.

1728. Mr W^m^ Shorters' Donation distributed. (*See* Charities.)

1729. Five years Maynards' gift distributed in Church on Easter Sunday.

(NOTE. Colt who distributed this did not receive it until 1733.)

POOR RATE, *November* 1729.

Contribution of the parish of Tooting Gravey (*sic*) for the relief of the poor inhabitants reduced by Sickness & do now receive alms:

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Fran: Salvador - -	1	1	0
Mrs ,, ,, - -		10	6
Mr ,, ,, Jn^r^ - -		10	6
Mr Anthony Merry - -	1	1	0
Mr William Hodshow - -		10	6
The Rev^d^ Mr Ballard - -		10	6
Mr W^m^ Bignall - -		10	6
Mr Charles Ballard - -		5	0
Mr John Morley - -		5	0
John Man Esq - - -		10	6
Mr Daniel Willmot - -	1	1	0
John Fisher Esq - -		10	6
Mr John Colt - - -	1	1	0
Mr John Creesy - -		2	6
Mr W^m^ Devon - - -		1	0
Mrs Mary Lynn - -		5	0
Mr John Kemp - - -		10	6
Mr W^m^ Palmer - -		2	6
Mrs Ansell - - -			6
Mr Henry Wicks - -		2	6
Mrs Barnes - - -		5	0
Mrs. Allen - - -		5	0
Mr. Thornton Man - -		10	6
Mrs Wheatland - -		1	6
Mr Tuggy - - -		1	0

Richard Tamplin [Sig. erased.—ED.]
John Colt.

30. All persons who entertain inmates shall be endited forthwith if they do not make their inmates produce certificates or they themselves give security for them & give ye parish officers notice before they entertain any.

Signed J Ballard, curate, and others

N Brady Rector signs the Minutes, which provide: that ye sum of 14 shillings & 7d charged to the parish by the Justices for building a new Bridge over the Mole at Burford in Mickleham should be paid out of the Church Rate.

731. Jonas Smith apprenticed at a cost of £8. to Jno North, Carpenter of Little Eastcheap. Morris Tailer apprenticed to W Bignall, Farmer at £9 9 0.*

The Six per cent of the South Sea anewty, in the names of Dr Lile, John Man & Thornton Man & by the Cession of Dr Lile, Mr Nickolus Brady his sucksesser in the Rectory of Tooting be Trustee in his room jointly with John and Thornton Man.

732. Godards son apprenticed to Mr Dobson, a waterman £3 to be paid in 12 Months

That Barratt the Scoach woman should be paid 20s to pay her passage to her husband at Giberalter.

Tooting Graveny att a vestry held att ye Church June ye 11 (1732) and adjourned to June 12 1732 it was a Greed that Mr Chambers shall be Employd to recover the Legese left by Sir John Maynard to this parish.

733. Memorandum. Rec July 1733 of Mr Abraham Atkins late Lord of ye Manuor of Tooting thee Sume Twenty Eight pounds & the Sume of Twenty pounds for Twenty Years Interest due this last Midsumir in the whole forty Eight pounds the Gift of Sir John Maynard Knt Deceased.

* Not enough Bateman money to pay this. Overseers to make it p, and be repaid when the charity was rich enough.



Note. £28 Invested in South Sea Annuities.

(Memo. This is Entered more Largely in the Church Registers Book.)

(Memo 1741. Jno Man havng died & Thornton Man removed to Bath, this stock was Transferred to Nicholas Brady, Brand Colt, & Antony Merry.)

John Renn apprenticed to Thos Taylor carpenter in Lambeth. £4 paid.

The 6⅔ per cent. of the S. S. A. paid by the South Sea Company as an annihilation of the part of the principal stock of £137, to be purchased again at Market price to make up the sum of £137 stock in the s^d^ S. S. A.

£5 Maynard Charity (5 years) distributed. (Part of arrears due 1724.)

1734. £5 ditto due 1729 distributed.

1736. £5 „ „ 1734 „

1737. Mr Weston Apothecary to be paid his bill £2 4 0 for Medicine for the Man at the Bull* who had Smallpox.

Mr Gibling to view the parish house & give his estimate account towards its repairing. (2/6 p^d^ for refreshments.)

S. S. A. paid out some more stock, fresh to be purchased to bring it up to £165.

1738. Goody Ansell to have 2 New Shifts to go into S^t^ Thomas Hospital with.

PARISH WAITS & SCALES, bought by Mr John Gibling Ch:Warden 3^rd^ June 1738.

1 pair large copper Scales; 1 pair small Brass Scales; 1 two pound weight; 2 Single pound weights; 1 half pound weight; 1 Quarter pound weight; 1 Two ounce weight; 1 One ounce weight; 1 one half ounce weight; 1 one quarter of an ounce weight; 1 one two dram weight; 1 one dram weight. All the above said weights are all brass.

* The "Black Bull" stood in the Broadway.

1 28-pound weight; 1 14-pound weight; 2 7-pound weights.

These weights are all Lead.

1 quart pewter pot 1 pint pewter pott & one halfpint pewter pott & one basket.

Received 28 of Aug^{t} y^{e} abve said Weights Scales & Measures by me Roger Rogers.

(Surcharge, Mch 14, 1744. Rec^{d} all the aforesaid written Weights for the use of Mr Thos Shepperd, Ale conner. Jno Loringe, Constable. Witness, Cornelius Weaver.)

Nov 26. Agreed to putt y^{e} Steeple into Surfitient Repair.

John Colt, Anthony Merry & Mr Nath^{l} Weston to examine the accounts of the Charitys of Sir John Mainard & Sir James Bateman & report.

Dec 25. 5 years Maynards Charity distributed.

1739. Rob^{t} Shipard apprenticed to W^{m} Gardener, Shoemaker of Mitcham. £3 paid.

That the Benefactions to y^{e} parish of Tooting Graveny shall be Registered in Gould Letters on the pannells of the Gallery of y^{e} Church.

That all the penshuners of y^{e} parish shall Repair to y^{e} Publick Worship on pain of losing their pention every Sunday.

(Note. Mr. Thos. Man designated J.P.)

Walter Bignal apprenticed to John Lucie, Butcher of Leadenhall Market. £5 paid.

1740. Jarvis Bellows to be sent to the House of Correction, & his wife & family to be provided for, if he will not do it himself. The officers may spend £2 . 15 . 0 on redeeming his goods.

1741. The Ch:Wardens to mend the Church portch & clean y^{e} gutter.

Edward Twine apprenticed to Thos Cogger, Blacksmith of Wimbledon. £5 paid.

£165 in old S. S. A. to be transferred to the names of Anthony Merry, Brand Colt and Rev Nicholas Brady.

Richard Lane to look after the behaviour of the Boys at Church & to look after the Beggars about the Town as his business will admit.

(Note. First Constable recorded in this Book.)

1742. That Mr Grover be allowed £6 per ann: for 7 years certain for the parish House after it is Repaired, clear of all taxes.

No persons shall receive any benefit from the gifts of the parish unless they pay the rates of the parish.

The necessary House of the parish house to be moved to the bottom of the garden over the mote.

That the bedding be looked over & if needed put into new ticks.

1743. £1. 10 0 to be layd out for a Coat & Hat for George Gregory, Beadle.

That the Random poor be allowed Necessary Reliefe by the Ch:Wardens who shall have a rate for that purpose in their absence the Overseers to relueve but to be immediately demanded again.

1744. Town Pump to be repaired.

That Mr Draper do settle his Ch:Wardens (1742) accounts.

That each Public House do serve wine for the Church for 1 year & have the Vestries in their turn.

1745. £1 . 15 . 10 paid for repairs to Parish House (2/6 paid to the Castle).

W^m^ Osby bound to Joseph Okam. £5 paid.

Jno Gibling & Thos Shepherd promised to pay their tenants rates as they had no certificates.

(Note.—This prevented their obtaining a settlement.)

1746. £1. to be paid out of the Church Rate for Easter Tuesdays Dinner.

Ch:Wardens to wait on Mr Brady & ask him to fix a resident Curate.*

Mrs Jane Ansell demanded relief, her husband William being present did refuse it, the Overseers to prosecute as the law directs.

1747. The Headborough to take the body of Mrs Miles before the Justices at the White Lion Putney, for assaulting the officers and breaking the windows of the poorhouse.

The propper officer to apply to Mr Brady to fix a resident curate in fourteen days, or to be proceeded against as the laws direct.

(NOTE.—It is evident the Rector's son was not a resident Curate.)

W^m^ Ansell (he had been Ch:Warden) came to terms with his wife & agreed to allow her 3/- per week.

The officers to ask for the appointment of Mr N Brady Jun^r^ as Curate with a place of residence.

That John Loringe be allowed £1 . 1 . 0 for doing the duties of Vestry Clerk 1747. The overseers to pay it.

Thos Earle was watched & removed to Bedlam. The officers to present the bill to his wife & and if she refused to pay to take an Inventory of his Goods till it was paid.

That the Ch:Wardens provide a new Table Cloth & Napkin for the Communion Table & a black cloth pall for the service of the parish.

That the Stocks be put in proper repair.

The windows at the Gable end of the Church over the porch be enlairged & a casement fixed & a propper curtain & what Locks & Keys is wanting.

* Nic. Brady, his son, signs as curate next vestry.

The Ch:Wardens to wait on Percival Lewis to know if he will repair the Chancel built by Sir James Bateman.

That the Ch:Wardens do have a chest made to keep the Register Book belonging to the parish enclosed with three Locks & Keys according to the Cannons of the Church.

Rich[d] Tuggey (a former Ch:Warden) to be brought before the Justices for not paying his poor rate. (He signs the minute.)

At a Vestry held at the Parish Church of Tooting-Graveny in the County of Surry on Easter Tuesday April 12[th] 1748 & adjourn'd to the Mitre in the same parish on the same day.

Ordered

That for the future the sum of Thirty shillings be allowed to be expended on every Easter Tuesday to defray the necesary Expenses of the Parishioners at their vestry for a Dinner etc and the said sum of Thirty shillings be paid by the Churchwarden out of the Church rate.

Tho' Vincent Minister.

Richard Wheatley, Rich[d] Tamplin*, William Purplett† } Ch : Wardens & Overseer.

James Wilson, Jno Gibling, John Dare, W Grover, Jno Grenfield, Corns Weaver, Will[m] Palmer, Thos Shepherd. Jno Loringe Vestry Clk.

To Mr John Loringe at Tooting in Surry.

SIR

I just now rec[d] yours & acknowlege that what you call the Chancel & Vault is my property & belongs to me to repair and if the parish insists upon it I shall give orders to have it done. But I

* Tamplin held the dual office. † Puplett.

must own I should have thought that the parish would not have scrupled to have mended the Tyles and Windows for the conveniency and beauty of the Communion Table standing there, & which I am very ready to lett it remain as it is provided the parish will repair it otherwise sir I shall insist upon its being removed into the Chancel of the Church for I see no reason why I should be at the charges of repairing it especially if it were not neglected it would amount to so very a Trifle & the parish have the use of it.

I am Sir. Your very humble Serv^{t}

JA* BATEMAN.

Castle Street,
May 12, 1748.

Ordered to be entered on the Minutes & deposited in the Parish Chest.

1748. 5/- in future to be allowed for defraying the expenses when a Vestry is adjourned to a Public House.

Richard Butcher to store his goods in the parish House for 4d per week (later on he was summoned before the Justices as a common disturber of the public peace. Anne Miles also for the same offence; she had been in a like fix before, see 1747). Mr Thos Shepherd to estimate for building a cage and watchhouse for carpenters work & W^{m} Puplett for bricklayers work for the same.

1749. Mr Tamplin to proceed against Anthony Merry, Esq^{r} for non payment of C^{h} Rate 1748, and expenses.

Mr Wilson to wait on Chas Bateman Esq to know What parish is to repair the road from the Common Gate on the way to Streatham.

* This must have been an error on the part of the vestry clerk, for in 1748 John, grandson of Sir James, was the second Viscount Bateman, M.P. for Woodstock, and afterwards Master of the Buckhounds.



1750. A new gate to be erected at the end of the Church lane at the expense of the parish.

Jn° Kemp,* Benj Burd† & Rev N Brady to be appointed Trustees of the S S Stock, A Merry having died & Brand Colt removed. That a new pump be put in the parish well & be paid for by the Highway Surveyors.

The 1749 Dole of Coals (the Man Charity) had not been delivered, the Ch:Warden to write to Mr Mouillion for them.

The Surveyor to repair the road on the common leading from Upper Tooting to Streatham as he thinks proper. The Overseers to take by warrant W^m^ Marr for begetting Mary Dodd with child.

The gift of Thos Man (coals) distributed to 11 parishioners and the poor House, the Vestry Clerk received a part; he also participated in Brands gift.

1751. The son of Rich^d^ Barrett to be apprenticed. £5 to be paid. (This was not accepted.) Mr Lardner the Surgeon to be paid £5 5s. if he cure James Graham.

Mr Shepherd to bring his Bill against the parish & shew cause why he do not pay his rates. (This had to do with the building of the Cage, he having a contra account.)

John Loringe to bind his son apprentice to himself. £5 to be paid.

1752. Thos Earle being a Lunatick to be got into Bedlam.

That Mr. Lewis or any other gentleman have leave to clean the Town pond at his own expense. It being considered a publick nuisance. (Mr Lewis did clean the said pond at his own expense.)

(NOTE. This is the 1st Year that the Election of Officers is recorded in the Vestry-Book.)

* Sir John. Lady Kempe, his widow, married John Colt, whose property at her death descended to his two daughters, one of whom married Lord Trimleston, and the other Mr. Barnwell, of Ireland.

† Bond.

Nov. 24. At a Vestry held at the Angel.

Ordered. At the request of Joseph Salvador Esq and in consideration of £5 . 5 . 0 paid by him to the Rector and overseers of the poor for the use of the poor of this parish. It is unanimously agreed that the said Joseph Salvador Esq & his assigns may hold & enjoy for his & their use for ever the piece of Waste Ground* leading from Tooting to Merton and now enclosed abutting north East on the Summer House of Frances Salvador Esq and pointing down the Road from the said Summer House towards Merton & containing by estimation six perches or thereabouts.

(NOTE. This £5 . 5 . 0 was distributed to 18 poor parishioners, the Vestry Clerk taking a share, likewise several prominent persons in parish affairs.)

1753. Wm Middleton & Jas Costin to be set to work & if they refuse to take off their pay.

Mr. Greenfield the Ch:Warden to give orders for making the four pews below the pew that was called Mr Westons' pew into Two pews of an equal heighth with the pews in that range.

Richard Butcher to give security for his sons' good behaviour.

The Surveyors to make Sale of the pewter taken by distress for non payment of 9/- charged to the Widow Launder by virtue of a warrant from the Justices.

Rate made for alteration of pews (see *ante*) & Relief of Random poor as Maimed Soldiers and sailors.

(NOTE. References to maimed soldiers often appear about this time. It was just at the commencement of the Thirty Years' War.)

* This is scheduled in the description of Grove House Estate, when offered for sale in 1843, as being held for 500 years, from 1751, at a peppercorn rent.



Rich[d] Tuggey to be proceeded against for not paying his rates. (NOTE. This had not been done three months after, and so the order was confirmed. Two months later he was allowed 2/6 per week.)

The Ch:Warden for 1751 to bring his accounts for settlement at next Vestry.

1754. Jno Loringe to wait on John Devons' master to know the meaning of his quitting his service.

Man's Gift of Coal distributed by order of Minister & Ch:Wardens. Henry Smith's Gift given in Apparel by the Ch:Wardens. Parish Weights & Scales to be repaired & paid for by the Overseers.

Messrs Shepherd & Garood, carpenters each estimated for reducing the four next pews in the line below Sir John Kemp's into 3 pews to accommodate Mr Ryce* (*sic*) & family next to Sir John Kemp. Shepherd to do it as soon as possible for £4 . 14 . 6.

1755. That Mr Willcox the Church Warden do wait upon the officers of Streatham & demand the sum of Three Pounds Thirteen Shillings & Eight Pence for the Expenses of the Woman that was delivered in the lane leading to upper Tooting in Streatham Parish & and on their refusal the proper officers do proceed to a Legal Recovery of the same.

A Vestry called *re* the Parish Engine. To Repair same and provide a New Sett of Leather Pipes.

Ordered that Rich[d] Wheatley & James Brown do examine the Engine & Pipes & give in the Expenses necessary to the same.

(NOTE. That Twenty Pounds part of the Gift† of Joseph Salvador Esq. be deposited in the hands of the Church-Wardens to be laid out for the use of

* Mr. Morgan Rice signs the Vestry Minutes for the first time.

† This gift cannot be traced, but it probably had to do with the sale of part of the Manor to Salvador (see p. 17).

James Brown as he shall occasionally want it in his business.)

The pales belonging to the Parish House to be put in necessary repair.

The sum of £5 to be lent by the Parish to Mrs Brown on Two Securities, Mr Salvador £1 . 14 . 10 Mr Lewis £3 . 0 . 0 She to have the balance when bills are paid, £5 of Salvadors' Money to be given to the overseer for the Relief of the poor.

1756. The proper officers do proceed a Gainst Charles Moody for taking in inmates, John Gibling signs as Vestry clarke. John Bushnell & Wm Ansell to have £5 each from Salvadors' Gift. Brand and Maynards gifts distributed on Easter Sunday. Mrs Hale to put her Son William Bradley apprentice £5 paid.

1757. £7 . 10 . 0 (£5 Bateman Gift £2/10/- from parish) paid to apprentice Anne Buller to John Wood, Ginger Bread Baker, St. Thomas Southwark, Sarah Smith Daughter of Richd Smith, to be apprenticed to Mrs Agnes Dalmer, Mantel maker. £5 paid.

Wm Betts (evidently son of the deceased surveyor) to have £5 from Salvadors' Gift and a loan of £5 from the parish. Mr Samuel Plumbe is one of the Candidates for office this year.

1758. Ordered that only those who do their own duty in person on the Road be admitted to the usual allowance of Beer, for the future by the surveyors. (NOTE. Anyone sending a deputy would thus have to supply him with refreshments.)

That Mr. Graham wait on Mr St Eloy & present him with a copy of the following.—To wit—

At a parish Meeting held by adjournment at the Mitre at Tooting Surry on Friday Nov 3, 1758 the condition of the Footpath leading from Mr. Lewis



Farm House in the s[d] parish to Amen Corner being Then by us the underwritten taken into consideration and adjudg'd to be bad and ruinous, it was at the same time moreover adjudg'd to be altogether owing to the said path being broken up by the Turnpike at the time of enlarging the adjacent Road, & therefore thought proper that Mr. Graham surveyor of our High Ways do take the first opportunity of waiting on Mr St. Eloy & acquaint him to the said purpose; desiring him to inform what Reparation he purposes making thereto & when, that so agreeable to his answer we may on the said cause be determined to proceed accordingly.

Nov. 6. That the present Surveyor do with all expedition make a new Footpath from Mr. Lewis Farm House in the parish to Amen Corner.

1759. £5 paid for apprenticing Joseph, Son of Sarah Akam to John Hastins, Collar Maker, S[t] Benets, Pauls Wharf, £5 for John, Son of Robt and Eliz[b] Gibson, to Johnson, Peruke Maker, George Yard Lombard St (NOTE. Rob[t] Gibson & Wife admitted to parish House), warrants taken against several who refused to produce their Certificates, Henry Thornbury & family removed to their proper parish for not paying their rates.

1760. That Mr. Lewis be spoke to & his resolution asked as to the payment of the Rate Granted Nov. 3, 1758, for amending the footpaths etc. That a Vestry be for the future regularly call'd the last Sunday in Every Month. That Weekly allowances to the poor be not paid to such who attend not Divine Service the Sunday immediately preceding.

That Five pounds be allowed annually for the future for the Two visitation Dinners and fifty Shillings for the Dinner on Easter Tuesday to be

paid at the Expense of the parish and twenty shillings allowed for Dinner at Christmas.

That five shillings reward be given an informer against any one, for breaking down the Hedges and other fences in the parish, to be paid on conviction of the offender.

That Mr Plumbe have leave at his own expense to convert Three pews lying between that of Mr Hammonds Servants & that of the Clerk into Two.

That Mr Arnoll, and Mr Hart Churchwarden & overseer have leave to agree with Mr Angier of Mitcham to receive the poor of our parish and maintain all sent to him at his own proper cost at the rate of Two shillings & ninepence p^{r} head p^{r} week; being first sent to him Clothed in new apparel. He afterwards to provide each in sickness and in health with Meat, Drink, Washing, Lodging, Clothing & every Thing else necessary for a decent support of Life free of all other Expense to the parish except the Two shillings & ninepence per week abovementioned.

That Joseph Salvador Esq on payment of Ten guineas to the overseer of the poor, for the general use and benefit of the parish, be excus'd serving the several offices of the parish.

The Mitcham authorities declining to allow Mr Angier to take in our poor, It was agreed that he take them to his own House in Coleman S^{t} London, on the terms aforesaid.

Aug. 24, *Sunday.* Adjourned to the Mitre (qy Same day). That Mr Plumbe as Magistrate be desir'd to put the Laws in force with respect to any dogs in the parish he may receive notice of being bit by other mad ones, by getting such destroy'd, and as to all other, the parishioners be desir'd to keep up & prevent 'em from passing the



streets regarding all such as a publick Nusance now at this particular time that so many mad ones are known to be raging, and as to any Charges Mr Plumbe may be at on this occasion, the parish hereby engages to reimbarse the same.

The Poor having been transferred to Coleman S^{t} under the care of Mr Angier the parish House was to be cleaned out by Nov^{r} for delivery up to the Landlord but he will if rent is paid to Lady Day, 1761, take it as it is. Vestry agrees to the proposal.

That Mr Hart be desired to enquire into the expense which would probably attend a reparation of the Engine, and also the expense of building a cage for confinement of disorderly persons, of six feet square dimension & seven feet high (*Nov.* 28 £10 allowed for the same cage, employing Mr Arnoll & Mr Garrood to do the work). George Forth apprenticed to Thos Booker £5 paid.

That Mr Plumbe be repay'd forty shillings laid down for procuring a Substitute to act as Militia Man in place of Richard Croxford.

That the Overseer pay forty Shillings towards procuring a Substitute to act as Militia Man in place of Henry Thornbury.

1761. Thos Butcher to be bound to Mr Newland, Carpenter of Horsley Down. £5 paid. Mr Hart delivered up to Mr Avarn the property of Thos Earle, viz Two Large Silver Spoons, one Silver Tea Spoon, one Gold Ring, Three pounds and ninepence three farthings in cash. Richard Son of Rich^{d} & Alice Smith to be bound to Jno Coffin, of Streatham, Drawer & Cutter of Callico.

Att a Vestray. Called In the Parish Church of Tooting Graveney and a Journed to the Castell in the same place on Thursday following By Desire of Mr Arnoll thair Being Nothing to Doe But Drink-

ing a Cheerfull Glass and Depart for Good friendship.

Jn° Avarn, Overseer; Jn° Arnoll; James Turpin; Richard Wheatley; Mark of ‡ Mr Graham; Richard Tamplin.

Five Shillings paid by Mr Avarn.

(NOTE. This Minute is in the writing of Jno Avarn.)

That all Housekeepers be for the future prosecuted who receive inmates without certificates of their several parishes.

That Mr Brown put a new pump into the parish Well and the Surveyour pay for the same and charge it in his rate. Percival Lewis or any other person parishioner have leave to clean the town pond at his own expense. Sarah Palmester bound to David Doctor, Weaver, of Spitalfields. £2 10 0 paid. Sarah Martin to Mr Springfield, Weaver at £2 10 0. Mary daughter of R & E Gibson to Mr Tutin, Stocking Maker, Bunhill Row at £2 10 0.

1762, *Feby.* 3. That any man living in the parish, and not charged with Parish Rates, on payment of Two Shillings and Six pence, into the hands of the Constable before the first day of March next, be indemnified from all expences which may attend his being chosen a Militia Man, for the year next ensuing from the day above mentioned, so far as providing a Substitute for any one so chosen.

Mar 3. That all Housekeepers be for the future prosecuted for taking in men & their wives or any person with a family.

May 5. That Saml. Plumbe Overseer do sell what remains of Mr. Earles' in order to pay Mr. Avarn late Overseer money disbursed for the said Mr Earle.

July 27. It is agreed that if any person belonging

to this parish paying Scot & Lot,* shall be Ballotted for to serve in the Militia for this parish, & liable to go, they shall have a substitute provided at the charge of the said parish, and allso all those persons dwelling in the said parish at the Time of taking the lists, & who do not pay Scot & Lot that have paid into the hands of the Constable, or Headborough Two shillings and 6 each person shall be provided with substitutes at the Charge of the said parish, should any of the said persons be ballotted for to serve in the Militia for the said parish & liable to go. This agreement to be in force untill new lists of the Inhabitants are taken.

A Legal Decision.

At a Bench of Justices at the fox & hounds at Croydon present Mr Hammond of the Borough of Southwark Mr Atkinson & Samuel Plumbe. When Eliz Gibson daughter of Jno Gibson of this parish, appeared for Relief at Croydon. She said that she was born at Tooting, had not been married or an apprentice, but had lived three years with Mrs Hodges at Croydon. Mrs Hodges declared that she offered herself to be her servant. She was at that time very sickly, therefore would not have her as another servant, but told her she might see if she could do for her, without any agreement for time or wages & that she thought herself at liberty to turn her away when she pleased. She did give her at times money but never any settled wages. We all thought she was not statute Servant & M^r^ Atkinson & S. Plumbe agreed to leave it to Mr Hammond's decision, who gave it his opinion that she had gained no settlement at Croydon.—*Dec.* 11, 1762.

* When persons were taxed according to their ability to pay, Scot and Lot.

Dec. 27. That the Ch:Wardens thank Rev Mr. Brady, Rector, for two Common Prayer Books presented by him on Christmas Day last past for use of the Communion Table. The Overseer to procure a Bushel Measure properly & duly sealed for the use of the parish.

1763. The vestry thanks Mess[s] Strong & Kilham for £2 . 2 . 0 given in Meat & Bread to the poor of the parish.

That the parish allow Mr Angier after the rate of Ninety pounds p[r] year for which he is to take the whole care of all the poor of the said parish also all casual poor. An agreement will be draw'd up & sign'd between the parish & Mr Angier which will express the particulars to be pass'd & sign'd at our next Vestry.

Articles being "draw'd" up by Mr Besley, they were signed by Mr Angier, and Mess[rs] Plumbe & Rice.

Five pounds extra voted. =£95 from Midsummer 1764.

That an opportunity be taken to take a view what repairs is wanting to be done to the Church.

(*June* 29. Mess[rs] Arnoll & Garrood appointed to take the opportunity & view the Church.)

According to the Order of our Last Vestry Mr Arnoll and Mr Garrood has taken a view of the condition of the Church. They having so done do now deliver an account & estimate of the Expence amountin to the sum of £95 12 0 Mr Blagrave a Surveyour being order'd to make an Estimate of the Expence of the repairs of the Church do make It amount to the sum of £88 10 0.

Mr Arnoll the Bricklayer does agree to do that part of the Repairs belonging to his business agreable to the Surveyours Estimate. Mr Sheppard a Carpenter in the parish does agree to do all that

part of the Repairs belonging to him as a carpenter according to the Estimate of Mr Blagrave a Surveyour.

This Vestry have agreed that the Church shall be repaired agreeable to the Estimate delivered by Mr Blagrave the Surveyour & that the Church be shut up in order for the purposes above mentioned on July 25th Instant.

Mr Garrood produced a Bill for Railing in the Church which came to £6 . 18 . 6. The parish refer'd him to Mr Brady they having no right to pay it. In order to avoid any further dispute Mr Brady paid £2 10s. Mr Lewis £2 . 10 o & the parish the remainder £1 . 18 . 6. For the future it was agreed they had no right to repair any part of the Churchyard, but voluntarily agreed to fence in that part which is next the Road when ever wanted.

A Rate of 2/6 in the pound was then made for Church Repairs.

That Every person in the parish having serv'd Overseer and Churchwarden as also the present Overseer & Churchwarden be of a Commitee at all times to inspect the condition of the poor of this parish under the care of Mr. Angier at Streatham, and particularly, that the Overseer & Churchwarden will a few days before the determination of every quarter make it their business to go and take an account of them, in order to lay it before the Vestry which shall be then held, and at that Vestry Mr Angier be ordered to attend.

1764. On Easter Sunday one pound, a gift of the late — Vane Esq was distributed in portions of 2/6 each. Other annual gifts distributed as usual.

That the Minister, Churchwarden, Overseer & Mr Hamond, Mr Plumbe & Mr Rice be appointed

as committee-men, to treat with any proper person with regard to repairing the parish Engine or purchasing a new one, and make their report at the next vestry.

Monday, Apl. 23. At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of Tooting-Graveney Surry and adjourn'd to the Mitre in the said Parish the same day.

Mem. The Annual Gift of Iaac (*sic*) Brand Esq was given to the twelve following Persons on Easter Sunday 1764 of 5^{s} each.

Jno: Sheppard.	Will^{m} Herbert.
Th: Beesley.	Rob^{t} Sheppard.
Rich^{d} Smith.	John Grey.
Wid^{w} Bignal.	W^{m} Ansel.
Maurice Taylor.	Wid: Gibson.
Jam^{s} Brown.	Sam: Gibring.

At the same time was given Sir Ja. Maynard's one years interest to the following persons of Two Shillings & 6^{d} each.

Rebec: Varley, Jane Gibson, Marg. Butcher, Wid: Akam, Wid: Torine, Tho: Palmer, Eliza Read, Wid : Griffiths.

That Mrs Francis be ordered to bring her certificate before May 5 1764 the Bench day at Putney, that Mr Boston be likewise ordered to bring his Certificate and they be desired not to Receive any Lodgers who are not Parishoners.

That Mr Arnoll agrees to finish the plaistering of the Church and promises to do it as it should be, which when compleeted Mr Plumbe Churchwarden is desir'd to pay him the Ballance of his Bill £8 . 6 . o

That Mr Sheppard put a Door in front of the Church of 2 inches thick instead of that allready there of one inch, being according to his contract

which when done he is to be paid the Ballance of his account of £3 . 19 . 0

Signed Thos: Barrow, Curate.
Sam[l] Plumbe, Churchwarden.
Peter Hamond.
Thos: Walker.

Franc[e] Willcox, Jn[o] Avarn, James Duncan, W[m] Betts, W[m] Wellor, Thos Garrood, Jn[o] Greenfield, Jno' Arnoll.

Countersigned in the margin.

five shillings Sam[l] Plumbe Church Warden.

Memorand: Mr Man's Gift of Coals was distributed by order of the Minister & Churchwardens by Half Chaldrons June. 18, 1764, to the following persons :—

Richard Smith, W[m] Ansel, Rob[t] Shepherd, Sarah Akam, Hen: Thornbury, W[m] Herbert, Maur: Taylor, Jno: Shepherd, Jam: Brown, Thos Beesley, Jno: Grey, Mary Bignal

Vestry Minutes.

1765—1787.

1765. The Constables to fix notes in most Publick places in the parrish to Warne stroleing beggars to quit the parrish. The Ch:Warden to enquire cost of an umbrella proper for the Service of Funerals. (It cost £1 8[s]). Mr Palmer by consent of Mr Salvador, to divide the Gallery of Three seats into Two of equal size, he to occupy one. Mr. Arnoll to make an arched drain of brickwork 2 ft wide across the Highway R[d] between the Houses of Mr Kempton & Mrs Wheatley, at a cost of £4 . 4 0.

1766. Frances Hollicks bound to Mrs Collins, Mantua Maker, Dean S[t]. £5 paid. That Mr Lewis be acquainted that it is the resolution of this parish

to allow Mr Lewis Twenty Shillings every year towards the repairs of the Gate etc, of the Common & Common field, provided Mr Lewis will support them in their right to Commonage, & to allow no other person or persons to partake of the same but those living in the said parish. The exciseman Mr Laney having taken Mr Shepherd's House, to be examined as to his settlement.

. Mr Walker to wait on the Rev Mr Brady & ask if he w^d^ make good ye fences of y^e^ Church yard. The officers to seek a House for the poor.

(NOTE. Angier had been unsatisfactory for some time. The overseers found that he did not fulfil his part of the contract.)

The Surveyors to erect a Lamp and to keep it alight from Michaelmas to Lady Day (position not stated). (NOTE. From this point the Minutes, having reference to the erection of the Poor House, will be found as a separate Chapter.)

The Vestry resolves that no act of the Vestry involving an expense of £20 or upwards shall be valid unless confirmed by a second vestry, of which proper notice has been given. (For reason see Poor House chapter.)

. Only Rev Mr Brady remaining of the Trustees to the Bateman Charity, Mess^rs^ Sam^l^ Plumbe, Morgan Rice & Jno. Rogers were added . . Mr Salvador having given a piece of land to be taken into the Public Road, to return in part this favour we give up any right the parish may have to a small part of the waste running from Mr Salvadors' Pailing to the corner of Mr Tamplin's House, & Mr Rice, as Lord of the Manor, consents to the same, Saving the right of the late Lady Kemp's Heirs to a passage to a field.

The great number of Hoggs continually being at

large in the parish cause a great nuisance as well as damage to the inhabitants. Therefore this Vestry in the name of the parish is determined to indict the owners of those Hoggs, that for the future are at large in the parish.

1769. Mr Waller to make an estimate of Cost of repairing the Engine & Keeping it in Order. (£7 . 16 . 8 was the cost.) The Trustees for the Bateman Charity (see *ante*) to have Stock Transferred from Ex^rs^ of the Late Mr Brady. The Ch: Wardens to deliver the Key of the Engine to Mr Plumbe. Mr Garrood to make the Engine House proper for the Engine, and a person (to) have £2 . 2 . 0 a year to keep the Engine in proper repair. W^m^ Gibling to be bound to James Smith of Woolwich, Barber. £5 paid. John Wallis natural son of Elizabeth West to be bound to Thomas Graham, Farmer, Sutton, & he to be properly cloathed by the parish. £5 paid. The officers to be stringent in their search for those who have no settlement & that they walk up the Church Lane to the Common. (NOTE. Vagrants and random poor would fix themselves on the border of a parish, and at the approach of the officials remove over the border.)

1770. Geo: & Edw: Martin bound at £5 each. Mr Salvador permitted to empty the Town Pond at his own expense.

Mr Graham, the Brewer, refuses to do his duty or pay the compromise to the Highways. Enquiry to be made as to his liability & a distraint made. Mr Rice to be applied to, to rail in the Town Pond.

1771. That W Middleton* be not shaved at the expense of the Parish. That the bounds of the parish be traversed at a cost of £2 . 5 . 0. That part of the Church-Yard joining the Glebe field, to be pailed

* He was in the Workhouse.

with a good oak fence at the discresion (*sic*) of the Ch:Wardens.

Dec. 26. That the officer do enquire after a person for to be a Beedle (*sic*) for the sum of Two Pounds Two Shillings a year, with a Coat and Hat, and to be brought to the next Vestry to know his qualification.

(The Vestry met on 29th, and the Minutes do not record the appearance of a suitable person; but, to show their anxiety for peace, they agree that proper staves be provided for the peace officer.)

2. That the Rector and Vestry were not always on good terms is evident, as at a Vestry held April 21, it was—

Ordered that the Reverend Doctor Allen on not paying his rates as assesed be proceeded against A Cording to Law.

Signed John Gover, Ch:Warden.
John Loringe, Overseer
& others.

The Vestry decided that all persons should be rated on their full Rent.

Mr Loringe not wishing to serve as Ch:Warden Mr Croger was elected, provided Dr Allen approved of him. Mr Bosten was to enquire why Mr Rogers would not pay his rates for the Tithe of the parish so the matter could be settled, amicably. Mr Bosten to apply to Mr Distant to lay down a case for Counsels opinion in regard to Mr Rich^{d} Panton Mr John Rogers & Mr Mark Bell.

The Cage & Stocks to be put in repaire & Mr Crouger the Ch:Warden do By the last addition of Burns Justice, that the Weights Scales & Measures be Purched for the use of the Ale Corner (*sic*). That W^{m} Ansells 3/- per week be taken off till further orders. (NOTE. Sadly one wonders if this is the

same—and most probably it was—person who was Overseer and Churchwarden about 40 years earlier.)

Edw Brown to have £5 to put him out apprentice.

The Overseers to take proper steps to get the rates for the Tithes.

1773. Thos Shell to be taken into the poor house. (Another ex-parish officer.)

The Church to be enlarged or seats made for the accommodation of the parishioners. Mr Garrood & Mr Arnoll to prepare a plan for enlargement of the body of the Church. Subscriptions to be collected & the Ch:Wardens to wait on those parishioners who have not attended the Vestry, for their subscriptions, a faculty to be obtained from the Commons,* a vestry Room to be built at a cost of £35, & the piers at the entrance to the Chancel to be removed.

1774. (A pretty little quarrel would probably be found here if it were possible to unveil the past.)

At a Vestry call'd & held in the parish church of Tooting in the County of Surry on April 10th 1774 and adjourn'd to the Angel on Friday Evening next April 15th at 6 ock.

(No Business Done. Spent two Shillings.) John Ridge.

On May 1st another vestry but Ridge is absent so is his co-warden, and the Rector, but, At a vestry held in the parish Church of Tooting-Graveney in the County of Surry, on Sunday the 8th day of May, and adjourned to the Vestry Room on Tuesday the 10th Instant in the said parrish to inquire into the Conduct of John Ridge the parishes Churchwarden.

John Croger, Overseer; Jno Avarn; Thos Packer; D Bosten; Wm Witton.

* Doctors' Commons. Faculty Office.

Then follows but undated:

Resolved unanimously that the order* of the last vestry be Rescinded

Anth: Thomas, Minister
John Rogers, } Ch:Wardens
John Ridge, }
Richard Panton, Overseer

Morg^{n} Rice, W^{m} Henry, Thos: Brice, Thos: Cockayne, Tho: Willis, John Smith.

(NOTE. It would seem that the question at issue was the two shillings expended. The next entry is undated.)

Ordered that in future there be no money belonging to the parish expended in Eating or Drinking. Not anything appearing to the vestry in the least to Impeach the conduct of Mr. John Ridge the Churchwarden Resolved, that we do much approve the Conduct of the said John Ridge

Anth: Thomas, Minister
John Rogers, Ch:Warden

Richard Panton, Overseer; Morg^{n} Rice, John Smith, W^{m} Henry, Jos: Overton, Thos Willis, Thos: Brice, Thos: Cockyard.

May 7. The other Churchwarden in hot water as the overseers are Indemnified for any cost they may incur by proceeding against John Rogers Esq for poor rates.

(NOTE. Both the Ch:Wardens absent.)

June 29. Whereas the matter between the parish and John Rogers, Esq. concerning a distress in hand for the poores rates for the Tythes is now amicable settled

Resolved that The goods distrained on of the said John Rogers be restored and that all Letigation on

* No order recorded.

both sides do cease, and that during the Rectors continuing to receive Three Shill^{s} per acre in lieu of Tythe, the parish do agree not to charge him any rates or Taxes on The said Tythes,

John Ridge, Ch:Warden
Rich^{d} Panton, Overseer

Sam^{l} Plumbe, Morg^{n} Rice, Jno: Avarn, Thos: Garrood, Jno: Arnoll, John Rogers, Jos: Overton.

1774. On June 5 the Minutes of a Vestry are first presented in regular form.

The notice as read at the close of Morning service is recorded and the Minutes begin:

Resolved that the Minutes and orders of the last Vestry be confirmed etc.

It includes a list of Contributors to the Enlargement of the Church among which is Mrs Miles, widow of Rev Dr Miles,* the Minister of the Dissenting place of worship in the High S^{t}. Several pews were sold at £10 . 10 . 0 each. The Subscriptions varied from £5 to £25.

The Iles to be laid with Yorkshire stone faced. The Tombstones and such others as may be found useful to be relayed. (NOTE. John Rogers gave £20. This was probably the reason for the return of his goods. See *ante.*) The whole alteration cost £192 . 10 and was raised by voluntary contributions.

W^{m} Ansells' Effects to be sold for the benefit of his children.

Mr Ridge to accept £10 from John Godman for the Bastard Child sworn to him by Eliz Best & that he be discharged from all expenses of the said child. (In 1776 Thos. Green received £5 from the parish for marrying this lady, who was described as a pauper.)

1775. Jno. Croger's overseership was evidently unsatis-

* See Biographies.

factory, for at the Vestry Meeting on March 29, 1775, a minute reads:

That the overseer (*Rich^d Panton*) do attend the next Bench day to acquaint the Justices what has been done in regard to Mr. Croger late Overseer to pass his accounts, to take their direction for further proceedings.

(NOTE. He had been absent from several Vestry Meetings.)

(NOTE. *Ap* 25. The Account of Mr John Croger the Overseer for the year 1773 was examined & past.)

Mr Alderman Plumbe, Treasurer to the Turnpike, to be permitted to remove the Watch House, also the Engine House, the parish not being put to any expense for the same.

Mr James Walker paid £10 . 10 . 0 to be excused any further expense on account of his Bastard Child.

Mr Grimstone, Headborough, surcharged 7/- he having charged for his time.

A Vestry to be called to consider the Utility of an additional Overseer & Constable and to fix a salary.

Mr Kimberys Bill as Constable paid. (There is no record of his appointment. Probably acted in 1774 for Empson.)

The Church to be white washed and all Hoggs straying in Town to be ringed other(wise) they will be pounded.

Sarah Ansell to be bound to Mrs Revell of Scotland yard.

76. Ordered that the Ch:Wardens do at the same time the Church be rewhitewashed & painted (and which is directed to be done immediately after Whitsuntide) make a window similar to that already at the West End of the Church, also a Large Bible for the Minister's Reading Desk, with a curtain to enclose the same.

That the woman that was brought to Bed of Bastard Child in Garratt, June 15 1776 & is now in the parish workhouse be taken by the Overseers to the Rotatiers* Offices in Southwark to be examined.

That a warrant be taken against Henʸ Knee to find Security for a Bastard of his, by Ann Gibling.

Saml Plumbe Esq made application to secure a vault† under his pew, 11 ft × 7 ft 8 in. The Vestry agreed that he apply for a faculty, provided the Rector Dr Allen did not object, Mr Plumbe to pay all expences. Jno Gover to receive £10 . 10 . 0 as Overseer and Ch:Warden.

Ordered. By the unanimous consent of the Vestry that Leave be granted to W Lee to extend his front wall 17 feet by 9 During his Lease, upon paying a small annual acknowledgment to the Lord of the Manour.

There appairing a rapped decay in the Ch:Wardens and some other pews, with one of the principal pillars of the passage leading to the vestry room Messʳˢ Overton & Vidler to examine and report at next Vestry cost of repairs.

1777. To take the sense of the Bench of Justices whether an exise officer is liable to pay parish Rates.

Oct. 27. Joseph Wilson of Ratcliffe Highway applied to the Vestry for a donation of 40ˢ in consideration of his Marrying Ann Herbert a Widow of this parish, which was agreed to on his producing proofs of the Marriage.

The passage to the Vestry Room to be relaid with stone, and pews repaired. The Lead gutter from the Vestry room being Stole and great damage done to the roof thereof, It to be repaired. £5 reward offered for the discovery of the Thief.

* So written. † Now in Ch:Yard.

£2 . 2 0 allowed to cloath Thos Ansell of this parish on his being bound apprentice to Mr Buckland a Peruke Maker in the City.

The decay'd wood to be given to John Gray, parish clerk, for his extra trouble in cleaning the Church after the workmen. That the old Metearals be inspected in to and a vallu put on them, also those in Mr Ridges Hand at the Time the church was repared during the time of his being Ch:Warden and that Mr Ridge have them at that Valleuation.

'8. Ordered that if the Tryell depending between the parishes of Tooting and Streatham at Reigate (Relating to the Inwood Family) Turnnates in favor of Streatham parish, the Overseers to take the Oppinion of Counsel on the same.

That Widdow Besley be a loved a pair of shoes a pair of stockings & 2 shifts. In 1780 she is allowed 2 shifts & 2 Aprons (the overseers thinking it necessary) & in 1781 2 shifts & a petticoat.

That Mr Arnoll be paid by the Surveyor of the Highways the Sum of Ten pounds for that part of the Drayn, leading from the Town pond to the corner of Mr Staceys wall for work done about the year 1771. (NOTE. Seven years credit!)

George Young apprenticed. £5 paid.

'9. John Graham apprenticed. £5 paid.

The parish Clerk to be allowed a yearly salary of £2 on condition that he demands for the future no more than 6^{d} as his fee for churching of any woman; Dr Allen also informs the Vestry that he will accept 1/- from the poor of the parish for the same service. That is 1/- Rector 6^{d} Clerk.

Dr Allen, presents his compliments to the parish^{n} and fearing it will not be in is* (*sic*) power to meet them at their Vestry next Tuesday, takes

Surely this was the Vestry Clerk's mistake in copying the letter.

this method of transmitting to them for their consideration the above Memorandum, and of informing them that if they should approve of inserting anything of that purport, among the other minutes then to be entered the parish Book, it is his intention to take from the lower people only one shilling instead of two on the same account. One Shilling to the Minister and Sixpence to the Clerk, is on such occasions the usual fee in most country parrishes, and as much as many can afford to pay, but as the Clerk cannot be desired to lessen his fee, without having some kind of compensation, a Salerey, suppose from forty shillings to three pounds, is therefore proposed for him for that purpose, and which had He a Licence he whold in fact be otherwise Entitled to from the Commons.

Tooting, *2nd April*, 1779.

N.B. Fee is due for Baptizing a child in the Church.

Dr Allen nominates Mr Rice as his Churchwarden. (NOTE. This is the first entry in the Vestry Minutes of such an appointment. The Churchwardens' Book simply records the appointment of the two wardens.)

Rebecker Varley to have 2 shifts 2 aprons and a pair of shoes.

(NOTE. Rogers' Gift, see Charities, here recorded.)

Hannah Boothwright apprenticed. £5 paid.

Aug. 7. The faculty* and account of the alterations of the Church was this day deposited in the parish Chest. There was a balance of £14 . 0 . 5 in hand.

1780. The Late John Rogers Donation of £10 was distributed. Mr Arnoll reports that the Vestry Room

* This faculty and others mentioned are not to be found.

is in a dangerous situation, he to examine and report. Mr Jno Gover having removed, Jno Loringe to receive £10 . 10 . 0 as acting Overseer. The Ch:Wardens to repair the Vestry Room. That Mrs Measey have a Gown, Petticoate, Shoes & Stockings. That If Mary Peters child be living, the overseers to continue to pay 2/6 per week for the maintainance of it and that they inquire after the father thereof.

John Gray, son of John Gray, allowed £5 to bind him apprentice to John Geary, of Stratham, Taylor. (NOTE. Probably Gray, the parish clerk.)

Mrs Susanna Knight having sworn herself to be with child by Mr John Ridge, hath been Relieved.

That Mr Chittenden be reappointed apothecary for the year at a fee of £10, he to supply the poor with physick.

Charles Postlethwaite to be bound to John Cleever, a stay maker. £5 paid.

John Mellish hath applied for relief he being in a very bad state of health and his wife ready to Lye in of her seventh child. Ordered, that they be allowed 5/- per week. 1783. Further Relief granted he having Rheumaticisim.

781. Ordered That the Church Wardens provide an Umbrella for the service of the parish.

Mr Chittenden certified that Mrs Thomas died a "Natural death" and that the overseers should bury her.

The surveyors to open and clean the Arch Sewer from the Town Pond to Garratt Lane.

782. The parish had trouble over its poor.—

St. Georges Southwark appealed *re* Sarah Read. Mr Mason to defend Tooting *re* Robert Harts children at Putney, the Mother & Two Daughters

to be examined relative to an injury they had received, the offender (John Gibbens) to be prosecuted (he was discharged). Mr Masons opinion to be taken as to an appeal.

Mr Haworth requires sittings in the Gallery for which he is willing to pay. Dr Allen agrees. Smith, Rogers, Maynard & Brands Gifts distributed. Mr Isaac Wood requires space in the Gallery.

1782. Mr Morgan Rice has been absent for some time from the Vestry. (It is evident that there is trouble in the air.)

It is ordered that Mr Jefferys, Mr Stracey, Mr Lalande, Mr Evans & Mr Willis, meet Mr Rice and settle the overcharge in relation to his Rates, & if any of the above gentlemen cannot go others shall be selected and their decision final.

June 26. Vestry called but public interest did not suffice to get enough together to transact business.

July 2. Messrs Stracey, Jefferys, Evans and Lelande reported "they had met Mr Rice and they suggested (that) Grove House should be exonerated. Hill House assessed the whole year. The land, late Salvadors', for the last ½ year £70. In future 35/- per acre. The land, late Rogers', £100 for the last ½ yr but 32/- to be deducted for every acre he lets."

1783. Resolved that the Pond at the end of Garratt Lane opposite Mr Timson and Mr Straceys be filled up, It being a common nusence, and that the water be conducted by a proper drain with a Cess-pool into the Sewer down Garratt Lane. (John Clarke signs this Vestry minute.)

In May a Vestry was called to take into consideration the education of the children of this Parish. £35 to be expended in the hire of a proper person as schoolmaster, and a proper place

to hold the school in. To be paid out of the Poors Rate. The Rector Ch:Wardens & five Gentlemen viz Messrs John Evans, John Clarke, Wm Timson, Morgan Rice & W Whitear, to be a Committee of Management.

The Moneys collected at the Sacrament from June 1783—to Ap '84 £4. 18. 0 and gave away.

1784, *June* 6. A motion was made by Mr Clarke and seconded by Mr Avarn that a Beadle be appointed for the use of the said parish wch passed unanimously in the affirmative.

July 27. It was moved by Mr Holmes seconded & unanimously agreed that James Inwood be removed home to his parish, he not having any lease of the Land he now holds, nor having ever served any anual parish office within the meaning of the act of Parliament.

Moved by Mr Clarke seconded & unanimously agreed that Thos Tamplin be appointed perpetual Headborough, Beadle and Bellman, for so long as the parishioners or the majority of the vestry shall agree to, at a salary of Twelve Guineas per Annum and that he be also given at the expense of the parish, a Gold Lace Hat and Coat* with a Gold Lace Collar, and that he enter upon his Office on the 1st day of August next. The Engine to be put into repair.

Dec 14h. Notice having been given by the officers of the Streatham parish of their intention to stand Trial with this parish in Inwoods business. It was unanimously resolved to defend the same. The overseers were ordered to give Mr Brown the atty the necessary instructions to enable him to carry on the cause.

1785. Roof and Tiling of Church wanted repairs. Mr

* Coat cost £3 3s.



Milne desired a Gallery for his scholars, he to build one on the south side at his own expense, afterwards it was decided to be over the Vestry room. Clapham asked Tooting to join them in a Bill before Parliament, to empower the house-holders to levy an assessment for defraying the expence of Lighting & Watching from London thro' Tooting. Vestry agreed. (Fourteen days after this was rescinded.)

This year the vestry Minutes record that Thos Whitear was Elected Ch:Warden & Messrs John Clarke & Joseph Overton overseers. (This is the 1st Entry of the kind.)

The Ch:Wardens to purchase 12 Leather fire Buckets for the use of the parish.*

Chas Gibling to be bound to Jno Loringe. £5 paid. Thos West to be apprenticed. £5 paid. Benj West to be apprenticed as a Mariner. £5 paid.

Oct. 26. That the overseers allow Mrs Perkins 50s in consequence of the Vilaney of Her Husband in Robing her of her Cloaths.

1786, 18 *Apl.* Ordered that Messrs Clarke & Overton the overseers settle Mr. Brown the attorneys Bill, when they think most convenient to the parish.

Sarah Perkins to be apprenticed to Mary Dean, Milliner of Barking. £5 paid.

The Ch:Wardens to provide 2 Staves for the use of the Church.

The Isle at the bottom of the Church be made into a pew and the font removed to make room for a Ch:Wardens pew in place of the present one. The old one to be taken into Mr Whitears pew he fitting it up at his own expense. That the Ch:Wardens pay for the singers books at a cost of £4 and in future everything in that department be put under the Beadle.

* Cost £3 15s.

Lucy Editor to be bound apprentice. £5 paid.

1789. James Best to be bound apprentice. £5 paid. Mr. Chittenden to have £1 . 1 extra for Confinements among the poor he attends.

(NOTE. The break here is caused by the book being lost.)

VESTRY MINUTES.

1804—1819.

1804, *Ap.* 30. No person to be appointed to Collect the Land & assessed taxes, unless he do previously find securities to the satisfaction of the Parish. Thos Sanders & W^m^ Houghton nominated.

Aug. 30. The cost of bonds to be bourn by the parish the Bond to be deposited in the parish Chest.

Sep. 6. The Ch:Wardens & Overseers to raise 5 men for national Defence as per 43 Geo 3.

Sep. 22. The accounts of the parish to be looked into.

Oct. 4. Arrears of rates outstanding £413 . 16 . 8.

1805, *Ap.* 3. Dr Ravenhill signs as Rector. The parish fined £204 . 6 . 5 for not raising the Men (see *ante*), a rate of 1/4 in the £ to meet it.

To take into consideration the action of Ejectment by Collier & wife against Edward Marshall.

That Mr Turpin be ordered to draw up a case for the opinion of Mr Serg^t^ Best, as to the Title of Marshall to the Estate.

Walter Lord signs the Vestry minutes for the first time.

Reported that Mr Serg^t^ Best had given his opinion to the Case laid before him, and there appearing some doubt as to Marshall's Claim, the Vestry took into consideration the proposal of Mr Shepperd (Colliers att^y^) for a reference in this case, and Marshall having been called and did signify his consent to whatever was done by the officers and parish, it was moved that the whole

of the matter be referred (by consent of Mr. Shepperd and Mr. Turpin) to Mr Serg[t] Remmington for his opinion which is to be final in each party.

June 6. Tradesmen lax in sending in accounts for goods supplied to the poor House. They to do it on 1[st] Thursday of every month.

Dec. 5. General thanksgiving for Nelson's victories. £38 . 15 . 6 taken by Mr Blake to the London Coffee House.

Dec. 17. Committee appointed to inspect the names of persons (rented) under £60 per ann.

1806, *Feby.* 25. Mr Lord to pay 4 guineas for the use of the Gallery he now occupies.

June 24. Bills to be distributed to occupiers concerning the law respecting lodgers.

1808, *Ap.* 19. Holy Thursday perambulation to take place. (It took place on Michaelmas day.)

May 12. The Fence erected by Mr Rose* is an infringement of the rights of the parish and he to remove it. That the parish officer be asked to consider the most eligible place for erecting a Room at the workhouse for the Sick & report to next vestry.

Sep. 29. At the beating of the bounds Tooting gave up a part of Mr Galindes' stables & took the whole of Mr Nibbs dwelling house on the borders of Streatham parish, boundary marks to be placed at the joint expense of the two parishes.

1809, *June* 7. Mitcham had put up boundary posts on the Common Fields in the parish of Tooting-Graveney, they to be removed into Mitcham parish.

* June 9, 1809, a deed was enrolled by which, for the payment of £52 10s. for the benefit of the poor, Mr. Rose was allowed to enclose a portion of the Common. Messrs. Henry Baring, John Ravenhill, Jas. Blake, Percival Evans, William Houghton, John Gibson, and 141 owners and occupiers, signed the deed.

1810, *May* 15. The better management of the workhouse was the Subject. The most eligib[l] means of employing the poor would be Oakham Picking. Overseers to provide it and employ a person to instruct them.

Sep. 14. Rev Mr Broadly having resigned his trust, in Rogers, Chivers & Batemans Gifts, Rev Dr Ravenhill appointed in his place. Mr Blake being deceased, Mr Walter Lord appointed instead.

Nov. 8. The bill presented by Mr Craven for hanging the Bell was disputed and £15 offered him.

1811, *Ap.* 8. The Overseers to place out in situations the young and healthy paupers in the poorhouse as they may see fit, also that a Vestry Clerk be appointed at a Salary of £30 he to find 2 Securities of Two hundred pounds each, a ballot to take place on Ap 15 between 4 and 8 Oclock. (Evidently the meeting thought well of the parish officers who called it, for:) The thanks of the meeting were given to the Officers who called it for their very able and upright conduct in ye discharge of ye same.

(NOTE. The term "Lower Tooting" is here used by a parish official for the first time.)

Ap. 15. Vestry uncertain as to who can vote in the election of Vestry Clerk, so Counsels opinion to be taken.

Ap. 16. A melancholy accident* has occurred on

* "In 1812, at a general Court Baron held on the 18th of June, the Lord of this Manor, in person, informed the Court that, in consequence of the accidental death of John Harwood, of Woolwich, clerk in his Majesty's dockyard there, by being thrown from his chaise into one of the gravel-pit ponds on Tooting Common, on the 14th of April, 1811, a deodand accrued to Henry Baring, Esq., which was compounded at the sum of 1s.; and the same paid by the friends of the deceased to the present lord, who paid it over to the late Lord of the Manor."—"Lambert's Lecture."



the Common, & as the ponds on it are unguarded a special Vestry to be called to take them into consideration. On the 30th the Vestry ordered the Surveyors to see the Lord of the Manur and arrange for the ponds being guarded.

May 6. The Vestry Clerk to give a bond of £100 to deliver up all books etc. when he goes out of office.

May 14. The Vestry Clerk was balloted for Mr Wm Houghton 34 Mr Wm Turpin 21. Mr Wm Houghton therefore elected & May 15 he signs the first Vestry Minutes as Clerk (and Dr. Ravenhill's almost undecipherable MS. ends).

Aug. 8. 23 respectable inhabitants requested the Ch:Wardens to call a Vestry to consider the encroachment of Mr Robt Hicks on the spot formerly the Town pond and Tooting-Green, he having erected a fence without consent of the Vestry. The Vestry Clerk to write him that, unless the fence be removed by the 19th inst, it will be taken down in order to "litigate" his right of enclosing the same.

The trees or logs of timber lying on the Green are a public nuisance. The Vestry Clerk to give Mr Hicks notice in writing that if they be not removed by the 19th he will be indicted for continuing the same.

Mr Turpin, thanked for collecting the signatures to the request for a Vestry.

(NOTE. This Vestry is signed by a number of the inhabitants, but there were present several who would not sign, including Mr. Hicks.)

Aug. 21. No reply from Mr Hicks. The Ch:Wardens & Overseers are at the cost of the parish, to employ workmen to take down the same and that the parish indemnify those concerned.

(NOTE. Mr. Robt. Hicks was Churchwarden, and was thus indemnified for pulling down his own fence.)

Copies of these resolutions to be printed and distributed in the parish.

Sep. 23. Report from Parish Officers that the fence had been taken down on the 27th of August.

Nov. 8. A Committee of three, Messrs Turpin, Chapman & Overton to wait on Mr Bicknell to settle the dispute about his drains.

Nov. 15. Mr Turpin had sent a letter to Mr Bicknell to say "they would call when convenient" and he replied verbally that "He could settle it without Mr Turpin's interference and he did not want Mr Turpins assistance," but he writes Mr Lord as Ch:Warden "I conceive that the only difference between the parish & me (if there be any) respecting the Sewer in the fore part of my premises, is at what the work should be estimated, or what it would have cost if I had done the work myself. Mr Pickett who did the work thinks 2/- per yard sufficient to cover the whole expense on my part." He apologized for not receiving the deputation. "Those of my neighbours who are acquainted with some recent transactions which have occurred will think me fully justified in this act" "hoping no offence will be taken as none was meant."

W BICKNELL.

1812, *Feby.* 25. Vestry *re* the "Tooting Green." Stated that Henry Baring Esq late Lord of the Manor intended to build 2 cottages on the part of the Green facing the London Road. The Vestry heard this with greatest regret as such an erection would be highly prejudicial to the beauty of the village & injurious to the health of its Inhabitants. From their knowledge of the liberal character of Mr Baring, the

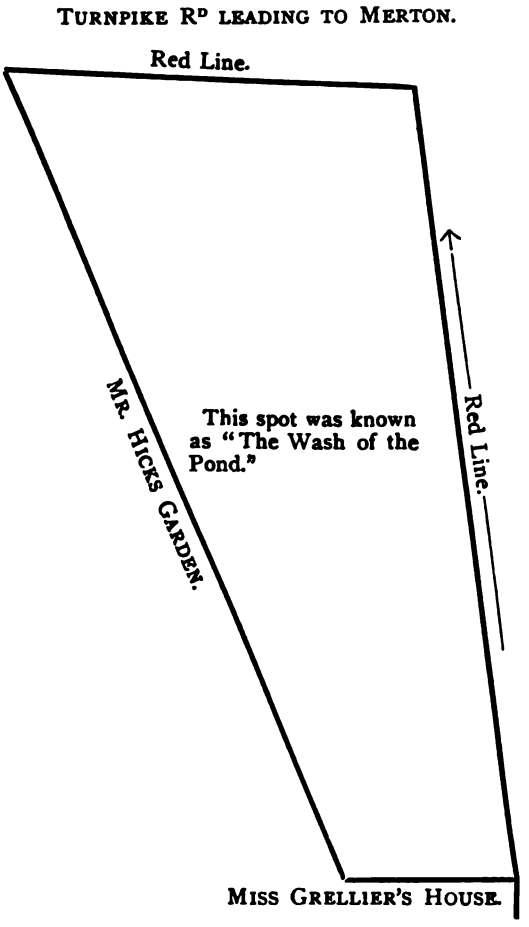


Inhabitants do not think after this expression he will build. A Deputation to wait on him and submit the resolution. (39 signatures.)

Ap. 3. The Committee reported Mr Baring met them on the 17th of March, he complained of ill treatment by the parish, asserted a right to part of the green and could claim the whole. He was "soothed" down by the deputation and then said he claimed it with a view to give it to Mr Hicks and should be satisfied with any arrangement Mr Hicks made with the parish. Mr Hicks had not decided which part he would have. Mr Hicks on March 20 stated the part he would have but the Deputation thought it too much, so on the 2nd of April the deputation saw Mr Hicks and said they would agree to recommend to the Vestry to transfer to Mr Hicks that part only of the green included between the red lines of the plan annexed. Mr Hicks was satisfied. The Committee do not pledge the parish to this arrangement but suggest it.

The Vestry adopted the report and a Committee was formed to carry it out and the best thanks were given to Mr Baring for his attention to the Interest of the parish in general and their regret that they were not sooner acquainted with his sentiments. To this Mr Baring replied "that he had not got as much as he expected, still he would not object if they would pay for the conveyance of each lot of Ground and get that which is his properly signed by the inhabitants concerned to save future dispute. The sewer must be turned outside his part or a fair allowance made and he not to be under any obligation as to building himself or permitting others to do so, each party to have his lot conveyed as waste and Mr Robinson who was acquainted

with the case, to do it. If not he will revert to his original claim."



May 29. Messʳˢ Rev J Ravenhill, Walter Lord & Robᵗ Clarke appointed Trustees of the part of the green conveyed to the parish. If either die or leave the parish, a Vestry to be convened to appoint a fresh Trustee or Trustees.



June 29. Obstructions had been put on the foot path and carriage ways, near Mr Brown's and near Mr Thomas' house, and as the public have a right of foot path and carriage way over that part of the Common lying between Tooting Common Gate along by Mr Brown's and under Mr Thomas' Palings communicating to the Church Lane Road by Mr Dawe's house, Resolved that a Deputation of 7 wait on Mr Brown and Mr Thomas and request them to remove the obstruction. If they refuse the deputation to take such legal advice as they see fit, and report to the Vestry.

Aug. 26. Mr Thomas' Solicitor Mr Edw[d] Clarke desired to be present. Vestry opposed to his presence by 12 to 1.

Mr Thomas told the Deputation "he would abide by what he had done."

The Deputation consulted Mr Robinson and as the Surveyors had seen the Magistrates concerning the obstructions and they seemed inclined to order the road to be restored to its proper purpose. "It was resolved to solicit their interference for that purpose." The court was doubtful of its powers and so officially declined to interfere, but as "citizens" unanimously advised that the parish surveyors should restore the road to its former state and should defend any action that might be brought in consequence. "This opinion of seven Magistrates your deputation think should be acted upon and they recommend the Vestry to adopt the report." The Vestry did so and the surveyors were ordered to proceed.

Nov. 17[th]. "The inhabitants have enjoyed an undisputed & unlimited pasturage on the common of this parish from the earliest remembrance of any person now living. We do not permit or consent

to any part being enclosed either of the common or waste land. The parish officers to take needful advice and to remove such part of the fence lately erected by Mr Thomas as may be found necessary. The parish indemnifies the officers against any action at Law."

1813, *Ap.* 9. There was a deficiency in Mr Gibson's accounts as Land Tax Collector. He and his security to make it up.

Sept. 22. Since the erection of the wall in front of the Rectors premises (*now "THE ROSARY" in Mitcham Road*) the stable wall etc. belonging to the premises in possession of Mr Blachford are become a disagreeable obstruction to the footpath of the village; It would be highly ornamental and a general accommodation to remove this. The Turnpike Trust decline to do it and so continue the improvement they so laudably began before the Rectory. As Mr Bush offers £15.15.0 towards the expense, the Surveyors ordered to find the rest of the cost, estimates to be prepared at once and the lowest tender accepted.

Nov. 2. A Pew opener required at a salary of £10. To be elected by Ballot.

The Parish Clerk to have his Salary increased to £15 and to make no charge for Winding Dial & Tolling Bell.

The Ballot for pew opener resulted in Mary Wren 25. Mary Tindal 18. Jane Tristram 8. Mary Nash 5.

(Mary Wren thus appointed. Evidently in 1813 the parish was not acquainted with the "Second Ballot." Mary Wren continued pew opener till she died in 1852.)

1814, *Mch.* 14. The Movement which ended in 1833 with the erection of a new Church now began by a com-



mittee being formed to consider the necessary alterations in the Parish Church, so many inhabitants being in want of seats.

Ap. 22. Committee reported that by altering the pews and reducing some of the aisles there would be more room. Ordered to be done.

Mr Ashby on the advice of Counsel had so much of Mr Thomas' fence as was needful removed. That gentleman took action against him for Trespass. The case came before Baron Thompson at Kingston Mch 31. Mr Gunning leading Counsel for Mr Thomas told his Lordship it would probably take up a lot of his time. As the Judge had had several similar cases he complained of the waste of his time and asked the Counsel to Settle it out of Court. The parishioners present declined to do so, and Mr Gunning spoke for half an hour when the judge again stopped him, and asked for the case to be deferred. The counsel on both sides joined with the judge in asking for its deferment. The Committee agreed upon the condition that the case be not tried further off than Kingston. The parish in the meantime should enjoy the full benefit of the Common and Mr Thomas should restore the bridges he had destroyed. The expenses to abide the ultimate decision. Signed by Walter Lord, Thomas Holmes, D Blachford, W^{m} Dawes, M N Chapman, Rob^{t} Clarke.

Resolved that the house charged to Mr S Thomas and now occupied as a school of industry be excused all parochial Rates while so occupied.

Aug. 18. Mrs Goddard (see School Minutes) to have 5/- a week from the Poor Rate, in consequence of her age, and infirmities, and for the faithful discharge of her duties.

Nov. 18. Mr Thomas comes with an offer of

Arbitration, but the parish says no, and asks him to suggest some other plan.

Dec. 26. "That we have heard with sentiments of the greatest alarm and regret that an establishment for the reception of Lunaticks is about to be opened in the house lately occupied by Mrs Plumbe (*the large house in the frontispiece*). That such an Establishment in the centre of the Village will be highly distressing to the feelings of the Inhabitants and will considerably depreciate the value of local property, we will therefore by all lawful means oppose the intended Establishment but should it, notwithstanding take place, we will then use our utmost exertions to get it removed. Resolved that for that purpose we will subscribe the sums affixed to our names." Committee Adm^{l} Rob^{t} Montague, Mess^{rs} Lord, Clarke, Bridges, Chapman, Davis, & Ward. A copy of these resolutions to be sent to Rev. Mr Rice & Mr. Moyses.*

(NOTE. Strange how history repeats itself! In 1894 the house and grounds occupied in 1814 by Mr. Thomas are sold to the Asylum Board for a lunatic asylum, a fever hospital is built near the common fields, and the house which Dr. Lord inhabited is turned into a workhouse for Chelsea parish.)

1815, *Feby.* 14. Great trouble in collecting the rates from small property. To obviate this and prevent people getting settlements by reason of paying rates, it is suggested to rate the owners of such property. Mitcham was applying to Parliament for powers in this direction, Tooting officers to get into communication with Mitcham officers with a view to the two parishes joining in such an act.

Feby. 24. Mr Thomas proposes that the part of the Common to be enclosed is to the first footpath

* Mr. Moyses was the owner of the asylum.



only, that is the path on the bank, between which and the road the Common to be left as it is, what he means to include in his own premises is that opposite thereto. Mr Elliot and Mr Dawes' and the Vicar (*sic*) to have what is opposite their premises at a price to be agreed on. Mr Thomas to be paid for the same. The whole costs the parish are liable to Mr Thomas will pay and transfer £100 3 per cent Stock for the benefit of the poor of the parish. Resolved that the parish desires the matter settled amicably, but can listen to no proposal till he has placed the parish in the situation in which he found it, by previously paying all the expenses incurred in the suit. Rob^{t} Elliott is among those who sign this Minute.

Apl. The Ch:Wardens have diligently searched the records and enquired in the Commons and can trace no faculty for any pew in the Church, all being free to the parish.

They believe, that the part bounded on North by principal Aisle leading to the Communion Table and on the West by the Aisle to the Vestry Room, consisting of 3 single pews was originally the Chancel, and as such the property of the Rector, but the Blake family has sat there in one of these pews free of expense. The Rector agrees that Mrs Blake shall not be disturbed so long as she remains in the parish, but at her decease or removal it reverts to the Rectory, but in the meantime the Rector can occupy or let the pew in the S.W. corner of the same tier.

The part of the Church where the Communion Table now stands was built by the late Sir Jas Bateman, and afterwards given to the parish. Mr Hodges has been permitted to build a pew there for his own use so long as he remain in the parish

or his family continue to reside in the house they now occupy, after which it reverts to the parish.

Signed Walter Lord, Robt Clarke } Ch: Wardens.

May 5. A charge appears in the Overseers accounts for furze for use in the poorhouse, being paid to Mr Thomas. The parish allow the charge for taking the furze, but claim a right to cut whatever furze may be required for use in the poorhouse.

July 25. To consider the proposed purchase of a piece of ground adjoining the poorhouse. Mr Marchant to attend the sale & use his discretion as to its purchase. £200 was asked for it (about an acre). The parish declines to pay such "an exorbitant" price.

(NOTE. They afterwards hired it as a garden.)

July 12. Danl Norris and Henry Gover selected as the two first names for Headboroughs were engaged in Military Service and so ineligible for the position. The list was amended.

1816, *Mch.* 8. It is desirable to have a paid Overseer, to perform the active duties of the office, pay pensions and relieve random poor, attend monthly meetings of the poorhouse committee, attend the bench at all Law actions etc. Salary to be £19 . 19 . 0. An apothecary to be also appointed to attend the poorhouse, the poor, each Midwifery case, Vaccinations, and accidents such as Contusions, fractures and dislocations at a salary of £30. Mr John Parrott was elected.

James *Potter* to have £2 to return to his native county *Staffordshire.*

1816, *May* 28. Mr Marchant presented with £15 for his services as Overseer.

Oct. 11. John Trery to have £5 as Ale Conner, and £1 . 4 . 6 for repairs to scales.

1817, *May* 28. Surveyors to remove the projections on the footpath in front of Messrs Hambleton's agreeable to the consent of them and their Landlord. They also to remove the fences in front of Mr Geo Picketts new cottages.

1817, *Oct.* 10. Mr Nolan to be retained by the parish. (NOTE. Legal advice seems to have been often wanted, *re* settlements as well as obstructions.)

1818, *Mch.* 24. Marchant to have £30. The gentlemen on the Common complained of the bad state of the road, that is on a line with the park pailing and from Church Hill to Mitcham Common. The Vestry do not consider these as parish roads and the Clerk to write them to that effect.

Nov. 13. That the Surveyors be directed to prevent the gravel diggers endangering the lives of her Majestys Subjects by digging too near the Highways and footpaths and to compel them to make safe the parts already dug.

1819, *Ap.* 30. Complaints having been made by residents on the Common of the accumulation of water, the Vestry appoints a committee to see into the matter, especially the obstructions that may have taken place in the old water courses.

A box to be provided for the use of the inhabitants of this parish to watch the Bodies of the dead in the Church Yard, and that £7 be allowed out of the Church Rate for this purpose.

(NOTE. The Resurrection men were much in evidence about this time. In 1832 the "Anatomy Act" closed their business, and from that date they were seldom heard of.)

May 7. The committee on the Watercourses of the Common had not completed their report but suggest "an arch under the carriageway to carry off the water."

May 10. Committee appointed to consider cost and mode of enlarging the Church. Who—

June 18. Report, "that a Gallery should be made on each side of the Church, a porch at the west end, remove the pulpit to the east end, for funds application to be made to the Society for promoting enlargement of Churches etc. That parishioners may purchase pews for the time of their residence or that of their family. That subscriptions be raised bearing 5 per cent interest until redeemed. That to meet this charge Pew Rents be charged for those pews set apart for the most opulent and most respectable classes of Parishioners (except those purchasing pews) and any surplus be laid out in Government Securities till a sufficient sum be raised to clear off the loan, or that it be each year apportioned among the subscribers in reduction of their loans."

July 1. No obstruction in Watercourses. Individual persons have made outlets for the water from their grounds, but it appears always to have laid around the gravel pit portion of the Common. Suggested that labour from the poorhouse should be used to cut channels to carry off the water now stagnant.

(NOTE. This book has been carefully indexed, but by whom is not stated. The water-mark* on the paper of the inserted index shows that the work must have been done some years later.)

VESTRY MINUTES.

1819—1836.

1819, *July* 9. Committee for alteration of the Church reported that the Rector (Dr Ravenhill) suggested that the Ordinary would object to the erection of a

* Smith and Allmott, 1824, Britannia and Crown.



gallery over the Altar & Chancel so previous report was recinded. Mr Robins plan was drop'd. The Vestry resolved that Mr Smiths plan be adopted and a committee consisting of the Rector Churchwardens Mr Bridges and Mr Clarke be requested to wait on the Inhabitants to solicit subscriptions thereto and to get out a circular in reference to the proposed alterations.

Sep. 17. That a perambulation be made of the parish boundaries on Oct. 7.

Oct. 7. Vestry Clerk enters that perambulation took place.

Nov. 5. Surveyors accounts rendered £4 . 1 . 1 to credit of parish. Debts about £10.

Dec. 27. Ann Roberts to have £1. her children having had Scarlet Fever, and John Gray 10/- for Hospital expenses.

1820, *Ap.* 4. Surveyors to wait on Mr Thomas and request he will remove any obstruction on the footpath opposite his premises without occasioning persons to go down into the gravel pit.

Ap. 14. That An Organist be Elected annually at Easter with other officers and receive £20 per Ann.

Resolved that Mrs Showell be appointed for the present year. The Duties, "to attend the Church regularly in person on Sundays and on such other days of divine Service as may be required, and to instruct the Charity Children once a week in psalmody."

Ap. 28. The letter of Mr Thomas's Attorney to the surveyors having been taken into consideration. It was resolved, That the parish can enter into no compromise respecting the right of way across the Common before Mr. Thomas' premises, and that if the present obstruction is not

removed on or before the 1st Day of June next the surveyors are hereby instructed to remove the same without further delay. That the Vestry Clerk be instructed to communicate the above resolution to Mr. Oldham the attorney of Mr Thomas.

June 29. That a committe of 5 gentlemen (three of whom to be a quorum) be appointed to enter into an arrangement with Mr. Thomas or his Solr concerning a path across the common before his premises under the data contained in the minutes of a conversation held this day between Mr Harvey and Mr Oldham, Mr Thomas' Solr of which the following is a copy.

"I understand Mr Oldham to say that he is prepared to propose that the present action shall be suspended on both sides by an arrangement between the two solicitors, that Mr Thomas will construct a raised footpath in the line of the present path through the gravel pit, it being understood that by so doing he does not waive or sacrifice any right, and it being also understood that the Defendant and the parish by using such path neither waive nor sacrifice any right on their part. This proposition will be made and accepted in the spirit of mutual accommodation on account of Mr. Thomas' present ill state of Health. Upon this arrangement being completed Mr Thomas may put up his chains again.

"Signed, John Harvey."

Resolved that the committee be directed to turn their attention to all other matters connected with the Common, and particularly to some late enclosures.

Committee appointed Robt: Clarke, Jonn Chapman, Matt: Slater, Jno: Harvey, and Walter Lord, Esquires.

Nov. 10. That the Surveyors apply to the Trust of the Turnpike Roads to repair the foot paths, which are in a very bad condition.

Surveyors again owe £20 assets $^{s}8/2^{d}$.

1821, *Ap.* 3. Mrs Showell re-appointed on consideration that her rates be deducted from her Salary.

Gibling (Henry) to attend the organ at 4 guineas, and act as Beadle at 6 guineas, he to preserve order in Church-Yard during divine Service and in all other parts of village during Sabbath day.

(Query: what happened if he was outside keeping order when wind was wanted?)

Aug 22. Trustees of Turnpike R^{d} to take a part of the ground to the North East of the pump and to a line with the finger post to widen the Road and that they be informed, that the paths for two years had been in a very bad state.

Sep. 22. A letter from the Magistrates asking for the app^{t} of a High Constable with a salary. Resolved.—

"That altho' the Vestry have every disposition to comply with the suggestion of the most respectable magistrates of this division, they see no reason to depart from Ancient usage."

A mad dog having passed through the village and bit several dogs, the Inhabitants are to keep theirs confined to their premises. All wandering dogs without owners, to be destroyed.

(A primitive stage of the Muzzling order.)

1821, *Oct.* 19. On Thursday Oct. 4 the parochial Officers of Streatham Mr Churchwarden Potter, Mr Sidesman Sharp, Mr Constable Withall & Mr Vestry Clerk Yeats. Tooting Mr Ch:Warden Overton Mess^{rs} Overseers Pearson & Marchant, Mr Surveyor Chapman and Mr Vestry Clerk Houghton, met to determine the line of Boundary between the

premises occupied by Mr Goodhart and Mr Webb. Agreed that 5 boundary marks should be put up at a joint expense of the two parishes leaving the whole of Mr Goodharts premises in Streatham and Mr Webbs next the High R^d^, in Tooting, the division to be in direct lines from mark to mark as drawn on the plan in the possession of the said Mr Webb.

Oct. 26. Mr Goodhart having for a long time past accommodated many of the inhabitants of this parish with soft water from his ponds, and still kindly consents to continue such indulgence, by offering his permission to the parish to erect a basin upon his premises to contain such water, the entrance to which shall be from the footpath of the public Road. Resolved "that this benevolent offer be accepted and that the unanimous thanks of this Vestry be communicated to Mr Goodhart for his Indulgence."

Nov. 9. Surveyors assets 2/4½ Liabilities £25 . 6 . 10.

1822, *Mch.* 27. Mr Marchant as paid overseer to get £30 Parish Clerks fees so small, he to have £15 extra.

May 3. 4/- per week allowed to Ann Welsh widow of the late Clerk.

Mr Joseph Overton appointed Ch:Warden in room of Jon^n^ Chapman, he being a Quaker. That Rob^t^ Clarke be appointed a joint Trustee for the parish Charities in place of D. Blachford, deceased.

May 17. In consequence of the fluctuating of the rateable value, a committee of 9 appointed to revise the rate Book from time to time, and to report to the Vestry. (The Committee,—Churchwardens, Overseers, Messrs Slatin, Clarke, Hicks, Blake & Chapman.) The present annual value to be the basis of assessment.

1823, *Ap.* 11. Resolved that all houses paying £10 a year rent and upwards shall be rated to the poor and all rates enforced.

Ap. 25. Henry Gibling (a parish official) to have £5 he having lost his wife and child.

(NOTE. Notice given of a Vestry to consider the rating of owners of property from £6 to £20 value.)

May 2. The Turnpike Trust had more of the green granted, but the parish to have any road left unoccupied. The question of rating the owners of small property notice of which was given at previous vestry postponed.

William Blake & Family (evidently not wanted) to be removed to their own parish.

Oct. 10. Thomas Freeman and Christop^{r} Gaston to be excused their rates in future, in consequence of their great age and having paid rates so many years.

May 11. Rob^{t} Hoggart elected to fill Mr Wilsons place as Ch:Warden. Counsels opinion having been obtained "That Wilson be allowed exemption from serving the office."

(NOTE. As his name was Jonathan, probably, like the Jonathan of the previous year, he was a Quaker.)

June 13. Turnpike R^{d} Committee reported that they had come to no decision.

Oct. 30. Resolved unam: "That in consequence of the increased population of this parish the Church yard has become so full that vacant place cannot be found to inter the bodies of the deceased inhabitants, without disturbing the remains of others before they have arrived at a proper state of decay. It is therefore expedient to enlarge the Church yard and that the Rector and Ch:Wardens be requested to carry this resolution into effect."

The Turnpike Road Committee reported they had interviewed Mr Bush the Treasurer of the Turnpike Trust. That he would avail himself of the offer of the parish & take their ground to form a Road 35 feet nearer to the centre of the Green & by placing posts and chains further from the houses, to grant to the parish a part of the old road belonging to the Trust. This was agreed to, but the committee regret to say that the posts at the turning of the corner of the road were not placed as they considered advantageous to the parish or to the public at large.

Committee to continue its labours.

Nov. 28. Mr Jellicoe, Clerk to the Wandsworth Bench, sends a circular suggesting that the parish should contribute *pro rata* with other parishes in the District towards the rent of his office. The parish agrees, provided they pay on their rateable value.

1824, *Mch.* 12. In consequence of some encroachments having been made on the common & foot paths of this parish, a committee of 7 gentlemen be appointed 5 to form a quorum, to inspect the road to see the parties by whom such encroachments have been made & to report etc. Messrs Lord, Hoggart, M N Chapman, Bicknell, Clarke, Slater & East were apptd. The same Committee to wait on the Turnpike Trust *re* the repairing of the footpaths in those roads & to enquire concerning the footpaths before the Rising Sun & Mitre Inns and to represent to the Trust their disappointment at the manner in which the posts & rails have been placed at the North Eastern side of the "Turnpike Road" near what was lately called Tooting Green.

Ap. 27. That the Surveyors be directed to give



notice to Mr Porter to remove the posts and chains lately put up by him on Tooting Common & that in default of him doing so, the surveyors to remove them. That the application of Dr Blegborough to make a road across the common cannot be complied with.

Turnpike Trust to put up Chains & posts outside the Rising Sun & Mitre for the protection of the public & also remove the Signpost & Trough opposite the Mitre. Trust to put up Chains and Posts, from before Mr Grelliers, to before Mr. Bramgrove's, to prevent carriages going on the footpath. The Trust also to have their attention called to the situation of the Butchers Shop nearly opposite Mr Lords, as they consider this an encroachment and a nuisance.

That the railing recently put up in front of Miss Grelliers House is an encroachment and that she be requested to lower the rails at least one foot and bring them slanting from the steps to a point at each end of the house and in case of noncompliance the surveyors are directed to remove them altogether.

That the front of the new shop adjoining Mr Lords premises being brought out too far is an encroachment and that it be altered under the direction of the Committee.

That the Surveyors be directed to give notice to Dr Blegborough that the parish will not allow of any communication being made from the houses now building on his property, and the common.

The Committee appointed March 12th report "that right of Common is so limited in the parish that great care should be taken to prevent encroachments for the benefit of posterity." Remainder of report is dealt with in the foregoing resolutions. The

body still to sit. A Vestry was to have been held on May 20, but as the rains had made the roads impassable on the previous Sunday there was no Morning Service and consequently no legal notice of Vestry.

June 18. A Letter from Dr. Blegborough "expressing sorrow at having given offence, thought he was doing a kindness by improving the parish, had put up some arches 7 years before without any objection. The Lord of the manor had claimed 1/6 per Ann: but nothing more." He again expresses his regret & penitence & asks for a punishment. If they will allow him to take away the acute angles he will do up the road & concludes thus

"Hoping therefore that in their goodness & at their earliest convenience in order to relieve me from my present suspense the Vestry will decide upon what they wish to be eventually done on the occasion, I remain gentlemen

Your faithful & obedient Servant

RALPH BLEGBOROUGH."

Mr Porter of the Woodlands writes, that he did not know the parish had any rights on the Common or he would not have availed himself of the permission granted by the Lord of the Manor without consulting them. His Wife's health brought him here, but the North Winds were troublesome so he put trees in front of the wall & posts & chains to protect them from the Cattle. The Vestry, if they will view what has been done at a great expense, will see the beauty of the Common has been added to, & that what had been a bog before & mostly under water was a clean path, appeals to the Vestry on the score of what his family have done for the poor of the parish, offers to pay an annual sum to the parish, the right of enclosure to cease if payment should cease & finishes up with a statement



that altho' not within the parish,* the family with one exception deal with the tradesmen of the village

Resolved—Dr Blegborough to pay £200 to the parish to allow of his having a carriageway from his two new Houses into the Road. Mr Porter to pay 2/6 per Ann for the posts & chains.

That in the opinion of the Vestry the main cause of the late flood in the parish was occasioned by the narrowness of the arch of the Bridge across the road near the Work-house.† This resolution to be sent to the Trust of the Turnpike Roads.

Aug. 20. Legal proceedings having been instituted by Miss Grellier against the Surveyors & others of this parish, in consequence of their having removed the fence lately erected on the foot path in front of her house in obedience to a resolution of Vestry Ap. 27 last—Resolved "that this Vestry approve of the proceedings of the Surveyors & that they be directed to defend the action, & that Mr Bird Miss Grelliers attorney be apprised of the fact."

Oct. 8. Parish alarmed at the number of small Tenements erected in the parish recently, a Vestry be called for the purpose of petitioning parliament to alter the laws of Settlement.

Oct. 22. Vestry held & Committee apptd to draw up the Petition, which recites the act passed in the 35th year of George III *re* the obtaining of Settlements, & draws attention to the £10 value then, being worth more in 1824 & suggests that they would only be carrying out the wishes of their predecessors by raising it considerably.

A copy was also sent to the House of Lords.

* The road is in the parish of Tooting-Graveney, but the houses are not. It has always been a sore point that, although the parish has to keep up the road, it receives no rates towards it from the houses.

† In the eighties another flood occurred.

1825, *Jan.* 21. Dr Blegborough having paid £200, he has right of egress & ingress from his houses to the road on the common, He to be allowed to make a road across the common to the private R^d^ to Mr Haighs' House, and he is to keep the same in repair. The parish having recently enlarged the Churchyard at considerable expense the money to go towards that object.

Ap. 3. Resolved that the Bell be rung five minutes immediately after the divine service on Sunday Morning.*

Oct. 28. Mr Chapman and Mr Bicknell late Surveyors to attend to explain their accounts Mr Bicknell not having paid the £1 . 16 . 0 surcharged by the Magistrates.

Nov. 4. They attended and explained.

1826, *Mch.* 3. A further petition to be presented to Parliament (see *ante*) Mr Thomas to draw it up.

May 3. Petition ready but Parliament shortly to be dissolved, it to be held over till new one elected.

May 19. Parish officers to apply to the Magistrates to order the authorities to test the weights and measures in the parish.

Mr Lord having given permission to carry a pipe from his spring across the road during his pleasure resolved that the expense be paid from the rates.

June 2. That no charge be allowed for the Sweeping of the Churchyard, it being part of the duty of the parish Clerk.

Sept. 23. Surveyor to draw attention of the Justices to the state of paths also dangerous posts on the road to Mitcham as they endanger the lives of His Majestys subjects.

* Was this to tell the housewives at home that their lords were returning, or to inform the publicans that they could begin the delivery of the Sunday beer?

The Surveyors to discontinue Treating persons who attend to pay their Highway rates.

(NOTE. This is the explanation of the charges at the Mitre and Rising Sun.)

Oct. 27. Vestry astonished at the large amount of uncollected rates. More diligence to be used.

Merton parish Officers having written to Tooting Officers, as to applying to parliament *re* the rating of owners of property, a committee consisting of Messrs Clarke, Hoggart, Vernon, East & Lord, appointed to meet them & the Wimbledon Officers.

The parliamentary petition (see *ante*) to be printed & sent to the principal Inhabitants.

1827, *Jan.* 3. To take into consideration the Burglary recently committed on the premises of Mr Hookham & to devize some means (either by subscription or otherwise) to bring the offender to Justice. Resolved "that a Society be formed in the parish for the detection of felons."

Jan. 12. Mr Thomas to have two copies of the petition engrossed & presented to the Houses & Mr Denison be requested to be present & support it.

Apl. 5. Election of Organist and Engine Tender deferred till Easter Tuesday.

Ap. 17. Resolved that in future all officers of the parish be appointed on Easter Tuesday.

May 4. Mr Clarke declining the office of Charity Trustee (see *ante*) Mr Vernon Elected.

June 22. Mr Wilson having encroached on the Common he to pay five pounds to the poor rate & the fence to remain.

Oct. 5. The Vestry resolved that it is inexpedient to apply to parliament for powers to rate the owners of property under — £ per year.

1828. The Surveyors to turn the water course in Garratt Lane through Mr Perkins premises & to fill up the

ditch. They also to defray a moiety of the cost of erecting a wall at the turn of the water into Mr Perkins premises.

1829. A well was being dug on the path opposite Mr Giblings and Mr Govers premises. Resolved that there it would be a great nuisance & will prevent a long projected improvement in the village. Resolved that near the spot is a much more eligible situation for the purpose. Resolved that the other well now being dug near & opposite the Fountain will destroy the effect of a neat & pretty ornament to the village. The Vestry Clerk to submit these resolutions to the Trustees of the Turnpike Roads & to request them to place the wells in different positions.

March 27. A Memorial to the Trustees of the Surrey & Sussex Roads—"That the Vestry have grievances by reason of neglect etc. of their Surveyor. For several years after the act had been passed the Roads were neglected & the parish had to do them. That when they were done by the Trust, flints were used & people walked in the mud of the Road instead of on the paths which were rough. That when the parish gave up a part of the Green the Trust took more than was intended & yet did not improve the sharp turning & a well has been dug on the site over which the road should have gone. That the new pumps are in inconvenient positions one damaging the view of the fountain which is a very great ornament to the village."

May 25. A Committee appointed to consider the question of allotment of sittings in the Church.

June 19. Report—"that the sittings of Mr Durst under the Gallery be restored to the parish. That the Galleries occupied by the Schools should be restored to the parish due notice being given to the

occupiers. That the Schoolmasters* & Mistresses in the parish should contribute to the cost of a Third Service if the Bishop be applied to to grant one. That the Ch:Wardens should be recommended by the Vestry, that all persons rated at —— should have seats allotted them in rotation according to their time of residence & that the number of seats be in proportion to their rating. That the Committee is of opinion that still further room will be required, but they do not propose to go into the question without obtaining further powers from the Vestry."

The Vestry Resolved "that the only way was to enlarge the Church" and appointed 13 Members to see the plans etc and report. 48 parishioners present.

July 30. Committee "reported that they considered £1000 would be required to enlarge the Church & should be raised by 5/- rates extending over 5 years and that they expected £250 from the Society for Enlarging Churches."—Report adopted.

1830, *Mch.* 10. Committee again reported—"that £1000 would not do the work as the Church was so dilapidated. The patron preferred a new Church. They suggested that the idea of altering the old one be abandoned & the present one be taken down & a new Church capable of holding 1000 persons be built. Offers of donations as follows had been made:

Rev Greaves, patron, & Mr R G Thomas, £400 each; Dr Ravenhill, Mr Platt, Mr Bridge, £200 each; Mr Elliott, £52 10s; Mr Clarke, Ald. Venables, Mr Strachan, Rev S C Lord, £50 each; Mr Davis, Mr Davis (as Trustee), £25 each.

Report adopted and a Committee appointed to make all enquiries.

March 19. Mr Thomas by reason of his Dona-

* Private schools.

tion be allowed to enclose 4 a. 2 r. 3 p. opposite his house, & 23 p. adjoining the Glebe field. Mr Chapman 3 r. 9 p. Mr Elliott to be allowed to enclose a part.

(NOTE. So they obtained common land in return for their donations.)

Ap. 13. Parish Clerk to have £20. Vestry Clerk £32. Candidates for Vestry Clerkship, were W^m^ Houghton Francis Hudson & Chas Gibling.

W^m^ Houghton 61 votes Hudson 48 Gibling 4.

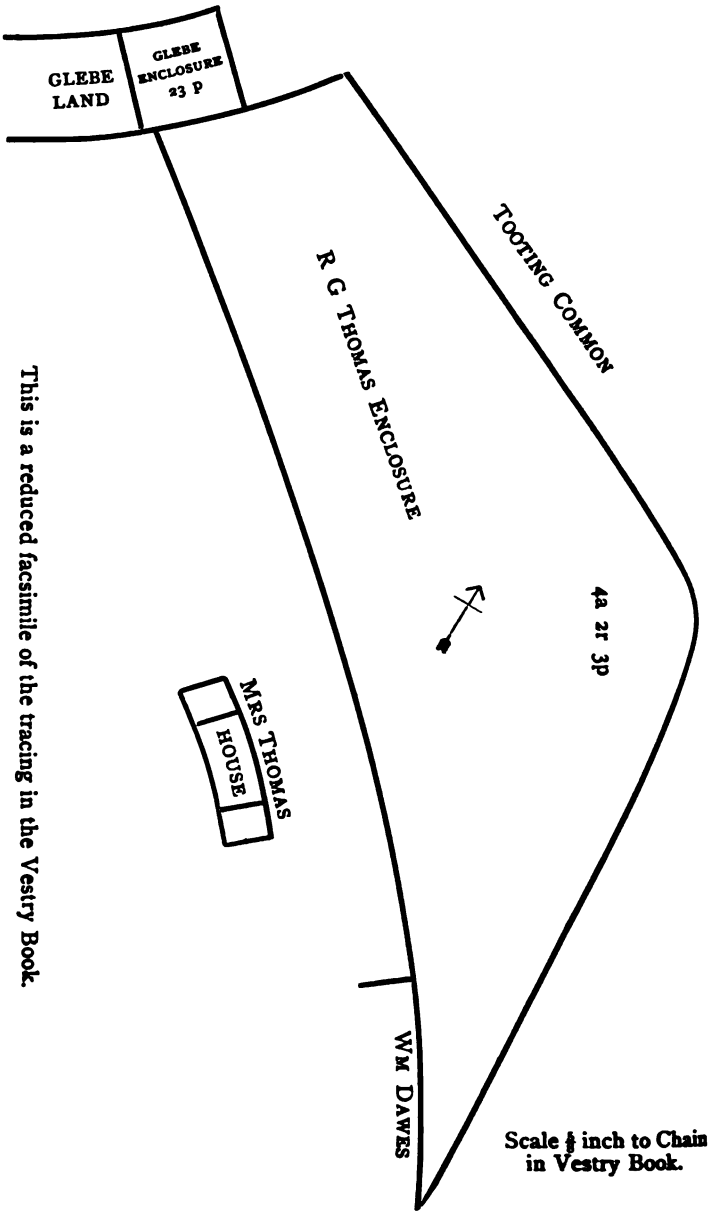
May 31. Church Committee reported 7 plans sent in. They select one £4000 to £4500.*

No funds in the parish available. Nothing expected from H. M. Commissioners for building Churches, except remission of duty on Materials used, as the population is below the stipulated number, but help expected from the Incorporated Society for the Enlargement and Rebuilding of Churches, etc. of about one fourth of the cost.

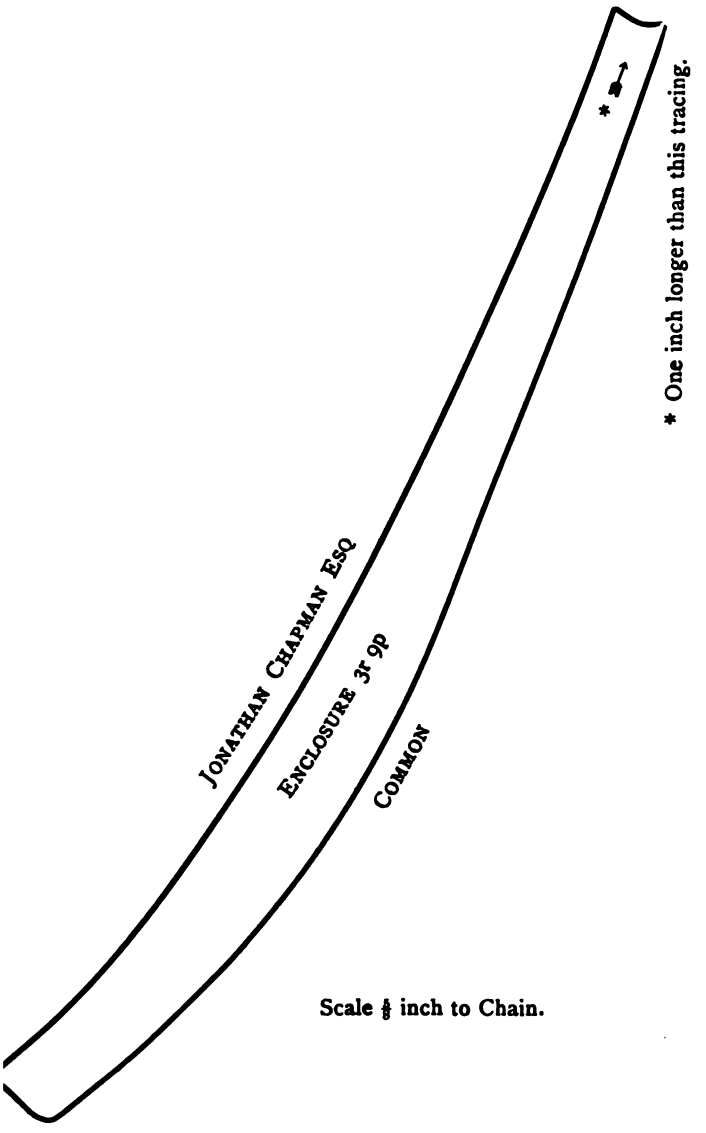
£1725 has been raised. Mr Lord to prepare an address to the parishioners on the subject. The money in hand and the donation from the Society =ab^t^ £3000 & the rest could be cheaply borrowed so that a moderate Church Rate would in 20 years extinguish the debt. That an annual charge be made on those requiring extraordinary accommodation, it being illegal to charge pew rents. If it is stipulated that for this extra seating a fixed charge must be paid, it will reduce the rate to be imposed.

Rev R Greaves and Dr Ravenhill, having given a Site, in the Glebe field adjoining the present Church Yard, the Committee have applied to the Exchequer Loan office who altho' they have no

* One a little more ornamental was suggested as likely to bring nore subscriptions.



This is a reduced facsimile of the tracing in the Vestry Book.



Scale $\frac{1}{8}$ inch to Chain.

money now, will have some during the present session of parliament.

Resolved that the more ornamental plan be adopted and the Committee ordered to get to work.

June 18. The surveyors to wait on Mr Thomas & represent to him that it is thought advisable that his fence should be placed about 4 feet further from the road. That Mr Chapman has exceeded the ground granted on 19th Mch & the surveyors to speak to him about it.

Aug. 20. Both Mr Thomas and Mr Chapman complied with the request of the parish.

Oct. 15. John Groves applied to the Vestry for £18 to pay his Debts and purchase a horse and cart. Not granted.

Resolved that the parish is unable to support so heavy a charge as that demanded for the police. That an act for the purpose of Lighting & Watching the parishes etc. by rates to be made in Vestry, is quite enough for the purpose, and this parish desires to be relieved from the present police. And parliament be petitioned to repeal so much of the "Metropolitan Police Act" as refers to this parish.

The Surveyors to report to the Magistrates the dangerous condition of the footbridge & they are asked to give directions for the repair of the same.

Novr 26. Church Committee reported that Mr. Atkinson had made the required Specification & that the tender of Mr Hicks Junr. had been selected. He agreed to erect for £4459. and they were satisfied with his security, *viz* his father & Mr Jonn Chapman. The plans had been approved by the Bishop & Archdeacon. The Exchequer Bill Loan Office would lend £3000 to

be repaid in 20 years, by annual payment of 5 per cent principal, and 4 per cent interest. They learnt that the Incorp : Soc : cannot do what they were lead to believe would be done & hope they will be excused for raising hopes which must now be moderated. They are gratified that the Church will be raised for the sum of £4500 or thereabouts after allowing for the Extras, from which certain sums may be deducted. They think that the total cost will only be a few hundreds beyond the estimated price.

Vestry approved, adopted and thanked the Committee for their labours.

Extras as Schedule.	£
Consecration - -	110
Architect - - -	250
Stained Glass - -	60
Removing Monuments -	580
Organ - - -	300
Iron fence Round - -	150
Draperies - - -	50
	£1000

There would be credit by the sale of the old Church.

The Committee to continue its work and Vacancies to be filled up.

, *Mch.* 18. Footbridge again unsafe. Surveyors to see to it and report to Magistrates.

Ap. 5. Mr Walter Lord having declared his intention to decline the office of Rectors Warden. Resolved that the sincere and grateful thanks of the parish be given to Mr Lord for his disinterested and valuable services for many years as Churchwarden 1799 and from 1810 to 1830.

The Ancient Church of Tooting-Graveney having

been found too small for the accommodation of the parishioners, and also much out of repair, the first stone of a new Church was laid by the Rev^{d} Rich^{d} Greaves MA (patron of the Rectory of this parish) on the 17th of May 1831.

John Ravenhill, D.D. Rector.
Samel Curlewis Lord, D.D. Curate.
Robert Clarke & Thomas Watkinson, Church-Wardens.
Thomas W. Atkinson, Architect.
Robert Hicks Junior, Builder.
W. Houghton, Vestry Clerk.

Walter Lord & W^{m} Sims, late Ch:Wardens added to the Building Committee.

The present Ch:Wardens and Overseers to give the needful security to the Loan Commissioners for—£2900 advanced by them.

Oct. 7. That the parish in Vestry feel obliged to the Trustees of the Surrey & Sussex Roads, for the offer to be at the expense of paving the foot paths, provided the parish find the stones, but in consequence of the burdens already upon the parish, they beg for the present to respectfully decline their offer.

Dec. 26. That a sum not exceeding £4 be allowed for a Dinner this day according to Annual Custom.

1832, *Feby.* 10. The Trustees, to be asked to remove the flints from the footpaths.

That the Surveyors clear out the Cesspool, near Miss Grelliers House.

Mch. 7. A committee to consider the best way to reduce the expenditure for the relief of the poor.

Ap. 24. £4 for a Easter dinner.

Ap. 26. Dr Ravenhill and Mr Lord resigned their posts as Trustees of Charities. Accounts of Overseers to be printed & distributed & overseers

to publish their accounts for Labor for last 6 months.

May 4. A Mr Burn, and the paid overseer Mr Marchant having a dispute. A Case to be submitted to Counsel. Mr Burn to pay if he should lose, the parish otherwise.

July 20. Mr Burn paid up and so saved the Counsels fee.

The Surveyors to repair "the Fountain."

July 26. "Mr Walter Lord having died, Mr Fourdrinier appointed on the Church Committee in his place."

Resolved that it is desirable to have an organ for the new Church.

The Committee to select one at a cost of not more than £350 and to sell the old one to the best advantage.

The Committee to allot the pews in the new Church.

Committee to ascertain best way of defraying the cost of the Organ.

Committee to ascertain the cost of filling up the Moat, also of enclosing the Church-Yard.

Sept. 21. Messrs Thomas, Treasr & Atkinson Architect being away, Committee could not get together all the information required. They had purchased an Organ, which will be put up for £280 ready money. The parties to whom pews are allotted will pay for it. The Moat filling would not exceed £30, but they suggest that the debris from the old Church will be a cheap assistant. That the Church Yard be enclosed with a wooden fence on the South side, Ditch, posts, rails & Holly Hedge on the Western & by a Brick wall with Carriage Gate on the Lane Side. The estimated cost £135. Wooden fence the cheapest but its keeping up will make it

dear, and the wall is more in keeping with the Church an iron fence would cost £150. Report adopted.

That the Committee be requested to consider & report as to an Organist & report to the Vestry what arrangement should be made for the late organist. The new one to have a salary not exceeding £42.

1832, *Oct.* 25. The New Church being completed a faculty to be applied for to remove the Monuments from the old Church, into the new one. To pull down the old Church & to dispose of the material, & sell the old Organ, the proceeds to go towards the cost of the new Church. A faculty to be obtained for consecrating the new church & the new ground around it.

The Overseers to appeal against the removal of Weston Burn, from the parish of Merton.

Nov. 29. Mrs Showell, late Organist, to have a gratuity of £21. at Easter, when her engagement terminates, to be paid out of the overplus of the Organ account. Mr Oliver May, to be the new Organist and to commence at once to practice the children in psalmody. Report adopted.

Mrs Showell be excused paying any future parochial rates in consequence of her past services, provided she does not pay a higher rental than now.

Dec. 26. Thanks given to Mr Wren for his gratuitous services as Headborough.

1833. The New Church of this parish of Tooting-Graveny was consecrated on the 14th day of February, 1833, by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Winchester.

Rev John Ravenhill, D.D. Rector.
Rev John Buxton Marsden, M.A. Curate.
Robert Clarke & Thos Watkinson Ch:Wardens.
Thos W Atkinson, Architect.
Robert Hicks Jr, Builder.
Wm Houghton, Vestry Clerk.

Mch. 8. The Overseers to farm out the poor as they see fit.

Ap. 4. The Magistrates having refused to allow the Salary paid to the Overseer for 1831 & 1832 in consequence of an informality in appointment. Resolved "that the sum of £80 in addition to the annual sum of £40 be allowed to the assistant overseer for the ensuing year as compensation."

Ap. 9. W Restell to Wind the Clock and keep it in repair at One Guinea the year.

Ap. 26. All persons paying £10 rent to have their rates enforced.

May 3. Each defaulter on any rate to be summoned before a new rate is made.

May 30. Ch:Wardens to pay £4. disallowed in Overseers account by the Magistrates in 1831.

4, *Jan.* 31. Robt Puddick having encroached, to pay £10 and the parish will not disturb him.

Ap. 1. Several letters on the subject on Puddick's enclosure received and action postponed.

Houghtons' Salary to be £50.

Ap. 18. Puddick offers £3 which is accepted.

Dec. 4. Report of the Church Committee.—Old materials sold £118 . 4 . 6. Old organ £30. New organ purchased out of allotment fees. Certain pews let, by which £36 . 9 . 0 is raised toward Organists salary. By means of a collection at the opening £64 . 13 . 0. was raised "including £10 munificently given by our worthy Bishop." The Lords of the Treasury return £520 . 2 . 3. duty charged on Materials used. The Incorporated Society have refused the promised grant "as the free sittings did not equal their expectation." The cost of the clerk of the works was not estimated for and the wall cost £135 more than was contemplated. The Stained and Ground Glass in the east

window, was presented by Rees Goring Thomas Esq. The Font and the Clock in the front of the Gallery, by Robert Clarke Esq. The total cost is £6247 . 17 . 1. £5473 . 17 3 has been received and paid. Balance due to Robt Hicks Jnr the builder £773 . 19 . 10. Mr Hicks consents to spread this over ten years, with interest.

A/C OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

Recpts.				*Disbursements.*			
Subscriptions				Robt Hicks Jr -	4684	8	10
Rev R Greaves -	400	0	0	Architect - -	314	8	0
Rev Dr Ravenhill -	200	0	0	Clerk of Works -	226	10	0
R G Thomas Esq -	400	0	0	Lamps - - -	13	3	7
Thos Platt Esq -	200	0	0	Stove - - -	25	0	0
Thos Bridges Esq	200	0	0	Queen Annes Bounty - -	46	9	2
Robt Clarke Esq -	50	0	0	For Glebe Land -			
Ald. Venables -	50	0	0	Law Expenses -	92	8	6
Thos Davies Esq -	25	0	0	Solr to Exchqr -	7	7	0
Mrs Strachan -	50	0	0	Coins in foundation stone - -	2	14	2
Rev Dr Lord -	50	0	0				
Jnᵃ Chapman Esq	100	0	0				
Josh Chapman Esq	5	0	0	Dinner for Workmen - - -	15	10	0
Mrs Baker - -	10	0	0				
Wᵐ Sims Esq -	10	0	0	Stained glass & Graining pulpit -	45	18	0
Loan Exchr Office	2900	0	0				
Interest on Exchr Bills - -	34	2	6				
Duty retd on Materials - -	520	2	3				
Surplus of Pew Entrance fees -	30	10	0				
Sale of old Church	118	4	6				
Old Organ - -	30	0	0				
Collection at Consecration - -	64	13	0				
Sub from Robt Clarke (extra for font) - - -	26	5	0				
	5473	17	3		5473	17	

Signed R Goring Thomas Treasr.

The parish admits its debt to Robt Hicks & promises to pay 1/10th Annually & 5 % interest on the undischarged debt out of the Church Rate and the Ch:Wardens to give a bond to that effect, by giving 3 months notice the Parish can clear the whole off.

A special vote of thanks to the Committee and especially Robert Clarke, Esq. carried unanimously, also to the patron Rev R Greaves, who had erected the Catacombs at the East End at his own Expense.

1835, *Ap.* 21. Mr Oliver May not to be reappointed Organist, no future Organist to have more than £30. The Rector and Ch:Wardens to find a suitable Organist in 3 months and then recommend him to the Vestry. The Clock Winder to have £3 . 3 . 0.

June 19. £18 . 19 . 3 to be paid for a Curtain over the lower part of East Window. Auditors first appointed.

Mr Pitman to be Organist.

1836, *Jan.* 14. Church requires better warming, but winter so far advanced it is postponed.

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1836, *Ap.* 5. Restell to have £4 . 4 . 0 for clock winding.

June 3. That it is not expedient to make any alteration in the mode of assessment in this parish.

1837, *Jan.* 5. Assistant overseers salary to be discontinued from Midsummer last, by order of the Guardians.

Mch. 3. Parish wish to work well with board of Guardians but they think there is a balance in their favour judging by the accounts and do not see

why they should be asked for £214.8. So large a sum it would be impossible to collect in this small parish just after £160.16 had been raised, without inflicting hardship upon the ratepayers. Confiding in the candour and right feeling of the Board they submit this Minute for consideration.

A Committee appointed to reassess the parish.

Mch. 23. Guardians offer the payment to remain till 26 Apl. but the Vestry thinks, as in Dec. there was a balance in favour of the parish of £134.19.10 and the last quarters expenses were £98.10.0 they consider that there will be a balance in March and so ask for a lighter call.

Mch. 28. Mr Daniel Norris appointed to Value the Workhouse Fixtures and Furniture and overseers to sell same.

June 16. The payment of the Vestry Clerk from the Church Rate not to be a precedent.

1838, *Ap.* 17. That the Organist be not paid out of the Church Rate.

The Churchwardens to obtain counsel as to legality of paying the Salaries of Church officers out of the Church Rate.

Ap. 26. Counsel's opinion having been read, it was resolved, " That the Organist be paid out of pew rates and entrance fees. The Pew Opener out of Church Rate. Engine Keeper, Church Rate. Parish Clerk, Church Rate. Beadle and organ blower, Church Rate. Clock Winder, Church Rate. Vestry Clerk, from Pew rents & Entrance fees.

Nov. 9. Mr. Alexander gave notice that he should move, that the Landlords of all Tenements let by the Week be rated to the relief of the poor. This was carried, the value to be one half the present rateable value.

The Workhouse to be let for £36. (In 1839 reduced to £26.)

The parish had a claim for Rates on the estate of Mr Jasper Burchett of £35 . 12 . 6. and accepted £27 . 18 . 6 in full discharge.

Ap. 2. A Vestry Clerk necessary. Mr Houghton to decide if he would take it at £30.

A Committee appointed to see if the charging of Salaries on the Church Rate is legal and to take Counsels opinion if needful.

The Keepers of the Engine to exercise it on the 1st Monday in March, June, Sep, & Dec at 12 oclock.

Ap. 11. Mr Houghton having decided that he would not accept the £30. he scheduled the Books belonging to the Vestry as

Minutes of Vestry 1804—1819, 1819—1836, 1836—1839.
Churchwardens a/cs 1804*—1816, 1817—1826, 1826*—1837, 1838— .
Overseers a/cs 1801—1823, 1824—1838.
Surveyors a/cs 1811—1824, 1825—1836, 1836—1837.
Highway Rates 1837.
Duplicate of Poor Rates 1812—1839.
Charity a/cs 1801—1839.
Register of the Inhabitants.
Copies of Notices of Vestries 1818—1839.
4 Committee Books Relief of the poor.
6 „ „ Committee for Building Church.
13 Books Various.
Burns Justice 3 vols. Ditto 5 vols.
„ Eccles: Law 4 vols.
*Faculty to take down the old Church & sell the Materials and Organ.
*Agreement for building the New Church between Robt Hicks Junr & Walter Lord & Wm Sims Ch:Wardens.

* Not to be traced.

Policy of Insurance of the Church.
Various Acts of Parliament.
31 Packets of Letters & other documents.
47 ,, Bills & Receipts.

The Vestry passed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Houghton for his conduct as Vestry Clerk.

Resolved that the Vestry clerk's Salary be £25.

Candidates to send in their names and the Church Wardens & Overseers take a poll, if needful.

1839, *Ap.* 18. The Committee (see *ante*) on the apportionment of charges upon the Church Rate, report, That the following can be charged to it viz:

The Loan on the Church.
The Repairs of the Church.
The Expenses of Conducting Divine Worship.
The Gratuity of the Parish Clerk.
The Expense of Keeping the Church clean.
Washing the Church Linen.
Sacramental Bread and Wine.

Monies disbursed by the Ch:Wardens by virtue of their office.

Messrs Penfold, Norris & Parton were nominated as Vestry Clerks.

Ap. 22. Mr Penfold 80, Mr Parton 70. Mr Norris resigned before the poll, Mr Penfold, Elected.

Ap. 25. A Memorial to go to the Board of Guardians—That as Tooting have only 12 paupers in the Workhouse and have to pay £59 . 3 . 9. the other parishes having

Wandsworth	145	paupers	-	-	226	4 10
Clapham	119	,,	-	-	224	8 6
Putney	97	,,	-	-	125	10 5
Streatham	65	,,	-	-	137	6 0
Battersea	96	,,	-	-	139	5 9

Consequently the parish of Tooting is compelled to bear a very unequal share of the general burden,

a grievance from which they now solicit relief. The Vestry does not think the Guardians fix this undue charge upon the parish intentionally and ask for a redistribution of charges.

Sep. 5. The Rector having left the Vestry, Dr Lord took the Chair and orders were given to proceed against defaulters on the Church Rate.

Sep. 20. Mr Houghton no longer Vestry Clerk takes the chair.

Oct. 31. W^m^ Penfold signs the book as Vestry Clerk.

Dec. 20. Mr. Withall to wait on owners of property under £10 and arrange for the payment of rates by the Landlords.

Dec. 26. The Guardians to be allowed to place notice boards for the prevention of mendicity, where they think suitable.

o, *Ap.* 21. That having acted as Guardians of this Parish for the year, shall be considered a ground of exemption from serving one of the other parish offices, such office being at the option of the party who shall have so acted as guardian.

May 29. That all resolutions of the present and future Vestries shall be entered in the minute book at the time of putting the same.

June 12. The Collector to hand over his book to the Vestry clerk so he can make the rates in a legal form. (The Vestry was in doubt as to their power to demand the book, so the resolution was lost.)

June 18. The Vestry Clerk appears to have come to loggerheads with the vestry for at a given point his entry of the minutes stops and Mr Marsden the Rector in his strong vigorous handwriting Inserts as follows. Resolved . . . that Mr William Penfold be dismissed from his office of Vestry Clerk.

Nov. 12. The poor house to be sold and the parish officers to take needful steps.

1841, *Oct.* 7. Mr Moyses two years in arrear with the "Brand Charity." Mr. Molyneux to take legal measures to recover it.

Nov. 11. The poor rate falls heavily on the parish as the earlier one was late in collection. The guardians and poor Law commissioners to have a note to that affect.

1842. *Sep.* 8. That £74.10.0 be raised by the Ch:Wardens & Overseers as a fund for defraying the emigration expenses of poor persons having settlements in this parish, they being willing to emigrate as per order of poor Law commissioners.

Titus Toogood and family viz:—

Titus Toogood 45, Mary his wife 39, & Titus 20, James 15, William 13, Alfred 8, Eliza 22, Emma 19, Sarah 17, Harriett 10, Mary and Jane 6, Annie & Charles 4 years of age respectively, children of Titus & Mary Toogood applied for help to take them to Hobart Town. The Vestry thanked Messrs Jon^{a} Chapman & Henry Burn for the great trouble they had taken in this matter.

1843, *Ap.* 13. Moved that a Vestry clerk is unnecessary in this Parish.

An amendment that a Vestry Clerk is necessary was carried by 8 to 5. The parish officers to ascertain from other parishes from what source a Vestry Clerk is paid.

Ap. 18. That the Organists place be not filled for 3 months. The Rector & Ch:Wardens to provide for the duties of the Orchestra for that time and then a Vestry to be called, to elect an Organist.

The Rector to take the needful steps to recover the "Brand Charity." The Vestry thanks Mr. Bird for his gratuitous advice on this case.

June 15. The custom of allowing composition on Church Rate to be discontinued.

June 23. Vestry holden to elect Organist. Mr. Edward Gunton & Mr Edward West nominated. Mr Gunton obtained 55 votes, Mr West 50. To use a cricket term Gunton scored 2 sixes, 3 fives, 2 fours, 2 threes, 2 twos, & 10 singles, and West 1 six, 1 four, 5 twos, and 30 singles, by far the more popular candidate but the Rector's party carried the heaviest metal, and had the advantage of two Lady voters, while the other side only had one.

1843, *Oct.* 19. Mr Moyses paid the Rent Charge for Brand's Charity and arrears. (See *ante.*)

1844. Mr James Barringer takes the chair at several vestry meetings.

1845, *Dec.* 12. The Surveyors to erect a new pump (Iron) in place of the old one near The Green, & a Gas Lamp in the Centre of the Roads on Tooting Green.

1846, *May* 26. Dr Lord thanked for his efforts to keep order & for giving into custody of the Beadle, Mr. P———* for his violent Language & obstruction to the Business of the Vestry.

June 19. Rateable value £8132.12.0. Valuation made by Mr Meakin.

The auditor had ordered the Vestry notices not to be printed. A parishioner complained of non-receipt and the Vestry decided that the custom of printing should continue.

1847, *June* 17. The officers to find out the lawful authorities and get them to complete the covering in of an offensive ditch in Garratt Lane. Tooting (Graveney) had already done its part.

Aug. 26. Messrs Drouet and H Molyneux declined to deliver up the rate Books for the last 2 years.

* This gentleman brought an action against Dr. Lord for illegal imprisonment, and obtained ¼d. damages.



1848. Mr Drouet had enclosed some land in Garratt Lane without the sanction of the Vestry. He *to* pull down the fence.

The Surveyors to put a notice up "Rubbish may be shot," for the partly filling up of the Church Moat, but the water course to be kept clean.

May 12. Gravel to be had from the Common not from other pits, "they have a claim to the Common Gravel without Satisfaction."

The old rate books (see *ante*) on view at last, arrears to be collected.

Aug 31. £25 to be raised to emigrate Jonathan Coombes* and family.

1849, *July* 15. Rate of 3d. in the £. to defray the cost of filling up the Church Moat. The Bounds to be beaten.

Mr. Drouet's residence called "Surrey Hall." (*See description of frontispiece.*)

May 17. Landlords to be allowed to compound on houses under £10 . 10 . 0 per Ann. at half the rateable value, let or unlet.

Mr Drouet (see *ante*) offers to put back his fence to the line of frontage decided upon by the parish, and the Lord of the Manor.

June 15. The Committee reported that the appearance of Garratt Lane was so improved, that if Mr Drouet would put back his fence to a staked outline, they should be satisfied. The Lord of the Manor wished to see a plan. The Committee to see him.

The overseers had called the attention of the Vestry to their illegal act (*vide* the compounding) but the Vestry stood their ground upon 59. Geo. III. ch. 12, Sec. 19, and ordered the Church and Highway rates to be levied on this basis.

* Coombes, like Toogood, was anxious to start life afresh in the colonies.

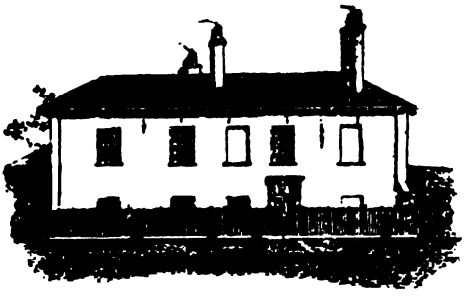
November 16. Mr Ketch appealed for Salvador Row. Rent £111 . 10. assessed at £124. Appeal allowed.

0, *Jan.* 10. Mr D. Norris, Jnr. Chairman.

Ap. 2. Committee appointed to investigate the Condition of the Organ and the cost of putting it in proper repair.

The Church to be Insured for £3000 and £200 on the Organ.

May 20. The parish is so grateful to Mr Lucas for removing the houses, lately occupied by Mr Drouet,* that they only rate the land at £2 per Ann.



RECTORY HOUSE

The New Rectory to be rated at £60. The old one (*see illustration*) reduced to £30.

Holy Thursday. The bounds were walked by the Rector, and Rev Dr Lord—A W Gadesden & George Rich, Ch: Wardens, Saml Martin, & Robt

An epidemic of cholera broke out at the Infant Pauper Asylum, by Mr. Drouet at Tooting-Graveney, in January, 1849. The ters of the parish church show that 118 children were buried in churchyard between the 5th and 28th of that month. There interments on ten different days between those dates, the ers being from 24 down to 1 per day, viz.: 5th (24), 6th (13), 12), 9th (21), 10th (13), 12th (1), 13th (14), 16th (8), 18th (1), (1). London had a very heavy bill of mortality that year from ause.

Taylor Surveyors, Chas Brown Esq & — Saunders (Sanders), of Upper Tooting representing the Lord of the Manor, and numerous other parishioners, and the Boys from the National Schools.

VESTRY MINUTE BOOK.

1850—1855 & RATEPAYERS MEETINGS 1855—1869.

1850, *Nov.* 21.* Special Vestry to consider an address to the Throne to resist the inroads being made by the Church of Rome.

The Rev. R. W. Greaves stated the case, that the Romish See was seeking to infringe the sacred prerogatives of the Crown and curtail the liberties of the subject. The address set forth—that Tooting was loyal to the Throne, and protested against the decree of the Bishop commonly called the Pope, constituting an authority to govern this part of the country. This was considered an attack on her Majesty's position as head of Christ's Church Catholic and the principles of the Church of England.

The prosperity of the nation was centred on the pure scriptural faith and principles of the Reformation and no foreign Court has a right to any power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority ecclesiastical or spiritual within the realm. The address concluded with a quotation from the prayer for the High Court of Parliament. This address was acknowledged, as an address on the subject of the means taken by the Pope, to establish a Roman Catholic Hierarchy in this Country.

To the Bishop of Winchester, a similar address

* The proceedings of the Vestry were inserted in a short form in the *Times*, December 2, 1850. Among the speakers were the Rector, Dr. Lord, Ed. Daun, P. W. Flower, T. W. Cuthbert, S. J. Blunt, A. W. Gadesden, E. G. Livesey, and — Metcalf (Medcalf).

was sent, expressing their indignation at the action of the Pope and their attachment to the Reformed Church, their regret at the sympathy for Romish practices and doctrines among the members of the Church of England. The Bishop replied "that he is glad such sentiments pervade the parish."

Then the parish sent an address to the Archbishop of Canterbury, who "was gratified at the spirit of it."

An address was then prepared to the Lords Spiritual & Temporal and the House of Commons.

[NOTE. In a consistory holden in Rome, 30 Sep., 1850, the Pope (Pius IX.) named 14 new Cardinals. Dr Nicholas Wiseman was appointed Lord Archbishop of Westminster, he sent a pastoral to all the chapels in his See, Dr Blomfield, Bishop of London, replied, and Lord John Russell in a letter to the Bishop of Durham, censured not only the papal aggression, but the Tractarian movement in the Church of England. 6700 addresses were sent to the Queen from various bodies.]

Nov. 26. Mr. Peacock wished to alter the roads adjoining Mr Lucas' property at Tooting Corner, referred to Committee.

Mr Fuller wished permanently to enclose a portion of the Common adjoining his residence, now parted off by Posts and Rails. This was referred to the Committee. It appears that the £50 left by Dr Ravenhill & invested in Govt securities for the benefit of the inhabitants of the poor-house had not been used since the house was closed, so the interest was capitalised to make £60 consols, & the Rector & Ch:Wardens were to distribute the interest to poor widows resident in the parish, in sums not exceeding 5/- to each person.

51, *Jan.* 30. The Committee recommended, that Mr

Fuller be allowed to enclose 4 perches, committee to treat with Mr Fuller and to further consider Mr Peacock's application.

Feb. 13. Mr Judkins had purchased two Houses from Mr Hicks and wished to enclose a piece of Land in front. The committee considered, that a wide space like that in front of Mr Judkins house would be a resort for idle & dissolute people, so he may enclose with an open railing, but not build upon it and place a stone there with this condition upon it, but as he should make some acknowledgement of the encroachment, he was to pay £25 to the Funds of the National School.

Mr Lucas can make his proposed alteration at his own cost.

Mr Fuller to pay £25 to the funds of the National School. (See *ante.*)

The committee suggest that these alterations will be beneficial and increase the rateable value of the property. The Judkins ground must be held sacred as a public right of way, although it was given to Mr Hicks by a former Lord of the Manor. His solicitor urges that the parish cannot sell him what is his, and that if he did pay a sum for the right to enclose, the right of way would lapse. He offers to pay all costs however. The Vestry resolved that the Report be adopted and recommend that the Justices and the Lord of the Manor, view the application favourably.

(NOTE. The money was duly paid over and the enclosures made.)

A proposal to elect a Vestry Clerk, was met by an amendment to appoint an assistant overseer, this was carried and Mr D Norris (Junr) was appointed at a salary of £10 . per ann :

Correspondence between Mr Fuller and the Ch:

Wardens in reference to his payment of £25 was read. First they applied for the money, Mr Fuller responded "that his Solr had advised that the Lord of the Manor only, could grant the right to enclose and as he had done so at a Court held at the Castle on a payment of £10, the fees of Court and 5/- per Ann Rent, still he was willing to pay a fair sum to the parish."

The Ch:Wardens replied, "they did not propose to convey the Land but only to waive 'their right of way,' for the sum of £25, and they were acting under the instruction of the Vestry in demanding payment and they hoped it would be done at once." Mr Fuller desires the correspondence to be placed before a Vestry, and his fellow parishioners to decide, he will abide by that decision.

The Steward of the Manor, "Mr Triston of Staple Inn," Is surprised that Mr Fuller's neighbours question the right of the Lord of the Manor to grant a portion of the waste in open Court, provided there is enough common to satisfy the wants of the Commoners, to maintain their Cattle in Winter *Levant and Couchant.** Independently of general rules the Manor is governed by custom, upon Custom the Lord has the power to grant the land to you.

Mr Flower proposed that the Vestry take this opportunity in connection with the letter of Mr Triston read this evening, to deny the right of the Lord of the Manor to alienate in any way the "common lands" of the parish, and to call to mind that the present Lord of the Manor himself paid to the parish a considerable sum of money for an enclosure somewhat similar to that of Mr Fuller.

* An old manorial term. Lying down and getting up; otherwise, a night and a day.

July 16. Mr. Williamson complained that assessed to the poor at £90, the Highways assessed him at £120, and he intended to appeal. The overseers stated that they had made inquiry & found brickfields were rated at £30. per stove, but as the surveyors found 3 stoves, and two tile Machines at work, they charged the extra £30. As Mr Williamson was intending to appeal, the Church Rate assessment was to be based upon the result of that appeal.

Messrs Fuller and Judkins (see *ante*) had each paid £25. Mr Fuller wanted a more formal receipt. The churchwardens were desired to draw it up and forward it to Mr Fuller.

(NOTE. Mr. Fuller lived at Graveney House.)

Nov. 20. The Rector asked permission of the Vestry to use the £50 for the enlargement of the school. Vestry decides that the trustees can do as they see fit.

Mr Williamson's assessment reduced to £71. £20 rent and £51 Royalty on the Bricks made. He considers this too high as a 16 acre Brickfield at Clapham, after several years exemption was only rated at £60. Vestry further reduced him to £30.

1852, *Feb.* 5. Resolved that a Vestry Clerk be appointed annually, at a Salary of £20 per Annum and that his Salary be paid out of the Church Rate. The present appointment to determine Easter Tuesday 1853. Daniel Norris Jun^{r} appointed.

(Mr. Norris is still (1897) Vestry Clerk.)

Ap. 1. Surveyors to Estimate cost of fresh Lamps to light the parish.

Ap. 15. The Vestry Clerk to write to Mr Betts about an encroachment on the path in the common fields, he to remove the same.

My. 6. Mr. Mansells tender for Gas Lamp posts

to be accepted. That the Surveyors remove the obstruction to paths in Common fields and that appertures of not less than 3 feet be made in the fences across the same.

[illegible]3, *Feby.* 7. The Ch:Wardens having stated "that the Lord of the Manor had given a piece of Waste Land on the North Side of the Church Lane, to the Charity Schools," it was recorded in the minutes of the Vestry.

Mch. 29. Nominated for the office of Peoples-Warden, Messrs Livesey & Slawson. Mr Slawson 12 Mr Livesey 10 votes, Mr Slawson therefore Elected. Vestry Clerks stipend increased to £25.

Act 3, 4, Wm. 4. Cap. 90. Sec. 5. to be adopted as regards Lighting this parish. £100 to be raised for the purpose & five inspectors appointed.

**June* 10. The Vestry passes a vote of condolence with the family of the late George Rich, who had efficiently served the parish offices.

4, *Mch.* 27. Much inconvenience arises from the app[t] of 2 new Overseers & Highway Surveyors. Resolved "that one of the old ones be reappointed each year, so that each serves 2 years & thereby secure the needful experience of those duties."

Ap. 20. Guardians to be elected same time as the Overseers.

June 24. Ch:Wardens requested to adhere to the system of charging Entrance Fees upon the Allotment of pews.

Aug. 24. Sanction given to the Ch:Wardens & Overseers, for putting in force 27[th] Sec. of the 15. & 16. Victoria. Cap. 84. compelling owners of houses to provide a supply of water.

That a Committee be appointed for carrying out

This meeting had its minutes entered in duplicate. Mr. Rich son-in-law to Walter Lord, and resided at Bridge House.

the Nuisances Removal & Diseases Prevention Act. 1848. 11. & 12. Victoria. cap. 123. Messrs A. W. Gadesden, C. Brown, E. G. Livesey, S. Martin, W. Penfold & J. Barringer appointed.

The Overseers to request Mr Betts to remove obstruction on Common Fields. (See *ante.*)

1855, *Mch.* 27. The population at last Census being 2100 and a Vestry Clerk needed, the Ch:Wardens to apply to the P. L. Com: requesting an order under the Act 13. & 14. Vic. Cap. 57. relating to the appointing of Vestry Clerks.

Ap. 18. Skelton appointed to wind the clocks for 3 years "provided they be properly cleaned at the commencement of his term." The Beadle to have a new Hat & Coat. The Surveyors reported that Mr H. E. Bird had encroached in extending his Stable yard.

Ap. 27. The Parish officers to place in a conspicuous place in the parish the names of those in receipt of outdoor relief, and to allow of compounding on small property by the Landlords. Mr Bird (see *ante*) to pay £5. to the Funds of the National School, or have his obstruction removed.

June 21. The Vestry takes advantage of the Vestry Clerks Act and asks the Poor Law Board to allow a salary of £30. to be paid by the Overseers.

The Vestry Clerk read 2 Letters from Mr. Bird, and was to tell him to pay the £5.

Aug. 10. The Vestry Clerk duly appointed under the act (see *ante*) and his duties clearly defined, as per 13. & 14. Vict., cap. 57, sec. 7.

Nov. 1. Mr. Craven appointed Beadle by the Ratepayers Meeting.

Nov. 15. Meeting of Ratepayers to elect a Vestry of 18 members and 5 Auditors. The following are the 1st Vestry as elected, Messrs Jas. Barringer,

Chas. Brown, Hy. Bird, Pell, Edward Child, Thos. W. Cuthbert, P. W. Flower, A. W. Gadesden, Alfred Hill, E. G. Livesey, Sam[l]. Martin, F. Ommaney, Henry Parsons, James Stilwell, Jas. Taylor, Chas. Trery, Jas. Wadderspoon, W[m]. Wilders, W[m]. Williamson.

Auditors: Edw. Daun, F. J. Wulff, Geo. Evans, W[m]. Holmes, Hy. Molyneux.

(NOTE. So ends the old Poor Law Vestry, and enters the Elected Vestry. Thirty years later there was another change, when the high rateable value no longer made the office so select, and now every rate-payer has an equal chance of serving his parish on the Vestry.)

1856. Composition allowable in Church Rates on small Property.

1862. *June* 19. The Board of Health ordered that no grave was to be less than 6 feet deep. The Meeting sanctions 1/- extra to the clerk and 5/- per burial as compensation for extra labour.

1863. £553. required for restoring the ceiling of Church. £360. promised and a rate granted for the rest. Mr. Sawyer the contractor to protect the organ at a cost of £15. the work to take six weeks.

1865. The disgraceful state of the yard and premises of the Rising Sun adjoining the Churchyard, to be noted to Mr. W. J. Thompson the owner.

1866. The Rev[d] John Congeve confirms the Minutes of July 5.

1869, *May* 20. Mr. Barringer "to hand over the fire escape to the Board of Works and to sell the Engine for the best price he can get."

THE ELECTED VESTRY MINUTES, 1855-1887.

1855, *Nov.* 28. District Board Members elected. The first going out of Office in June 1857.

1856. All Gravel Pits to be rated. Sewer Rate 8d Lighting 6d General 4d in £. Expenses of first election of Vestrymen 16/- paid out of poor rate.

1857. Mr. Barringer announced his intention of resigning the Office of Guardian.

Kensington Vestry wrote *re* the equalization of the poor rates in the Metropolis.

An attempt to increase the poor rate collector's poundage to 5 per cent failed, the Vestry only voting 2½ per cent, Mr. Lee assessed the Lambeth Cemetery and his account was passed . . a ballot was taken for the 6 members of the Vestry to go out of Office. Wm Wilders to sign the Memorial to the Poor Law Board in favor of the equalization of poor rates. Mr Norris found the work heavier under the new rules and applied for increase of salary. £50 was granted. Mr. J. G. Bonner elected on the Vestry.

1858, *Ap.* 6. The Church-Yard to be enlarged by ½ an acre of glebe land, at a total cost of £250 (rescinded June 1, 1869).

1859. 59 Geo. 3. Cap. 12. Sec. 19. & 13. 14. Vic. Cap. 99. Sec. 1. adopted as to rating of small property. (This had practically been done previously, but not in the legal form now prescribed.)

June 1. Burial Board elected, viz. Rev. R. W. Greaves, W. J. Thompson, and John Hy. Taylor. Having rescinded the minutes of Ap. 6, 1858. the Vestry instruct the Burial Board to carry out the enlargement of the Church-yard, at a cost of £250.

1860. The Surrey County Rate Office demanded under a penalty of £20. certain information and the Vestry sent as follows:

	1859. £	s.	d.	1858. £	s.	d.
Gross Rental	10,597	18	0	10,734	3	0
Rateable Value	7,930	3	0	8,345	11	0

"This valuation was made by a Land Surveyor in 1845 & corrected by property tax assessment in 1857. No further revision taken place. The Rateable Value is about 1/5th less than the Gross. This percentage is fixed by the overseers. From the Rector's Tithe Rent charge £68 is deducted & from Land 9/- per acre on a/c of Tithe Rent charge. No houses empty in 1858-9. Nor any built since. In 1858 Landlords paid upon £942 . 6 . 0 which would have been assessed to Tenants at £1349 . 14 . 0, in 1859 £933 . 12 . 6 to Landlords & £1349 . 14 . 0 to Tenants. Excused in 1858 £75 . 4 . 0 in 1859 £6 . 0 . 0. No Railroads, Telegraphs or Canals, pass through or terminate in the parish. Mitcham Gas Co. pipes rated at £25 each year & Lambeth Water Co. pipes at £165 each year. No exempt property in the parish. (NOTE. Church, Chapel, & Charity School forgotten evidently.) Resolved that the overseer's attention be called, at their next meeting, to the rateable value of the gas pipes in this parish."

1862. The Wandsworth District Board of Works to take steps to remove the Engine House.

Mr. Holt desired to divert the footpath crossing his Land from Totterdown to the Common. The Vestry considered it inexpedient to do so.

The Clerk of the Surrey and Sussex Turnpike Roads wished for the opinion of the Vestry as to each parish taking over their own roads. A Committee appointed to ascertain the cost of maintaining the same. They report the trust should continue, but establishment charges be curtailed and the tolls reduced.

1863. The W. D. B. W. to take over the Roads on the Common from Mr. Greenhill's House to Furze-Down, the Sweep Road & from Back Church Lane,

to Green Lane respectively, upon their being put in repair to the satisfaction of their surveyor.

Mr. Herbert Williamson made a report upon the state of the roof of the church. The plaster was rotten and in danger of falling. He could not say if it was bad workmanship or want of ventilation. He suggested a gable window, over the Altar window. The cost of repairs to the roof would be about £80. After a further examination he suggested that 4 Dormers and some air-bricks should be put in and new battens. There is no perfect remedy, except that of a new ceiling.

Mr. Mortlake viewed the ceiling, and decided that a new one must be made. About £300 would be the cost. It was resolved that a committee be appointed to protect the rights of the parish in reference to the proposed enclosure of the common by the Lord of the Manor.

A Committee appointed to help the Rector and Ch:Wardens in carrying out the repairs to the Church.

Poor rate 1/9, General 1/4¼ for the ½ year.

Mr. Chas. Attlee elected on the Vestry.

1865. Daborn to be informed that he will not be re-elected Beadle at Easter 1866.

1866. The Ch:Wardens to rèmove the posts lately fixed on Tooting Common. The Ch:Wardens and Overseers to apply for powers to re-assess the property in the parish, on the grounds of the present inequality of rating.

1867. The Fees for burials in the Church Yard were revised, and approved of, by the Bishop of Winchester and her Majesty's Secretary of State. A Schedule like that of 1858-9 (see *ante*), made for the union assessment. Gross value, £12819 . 19 . 0; rateable, £10466. Landlords pay compounded rates in

£924 . 15 . 0; which would be assessed to occupiers at £1555.

The Tooting, Wimbledon, and Merton, Railway Company only charged upon their land, the Railway being in course of construction.

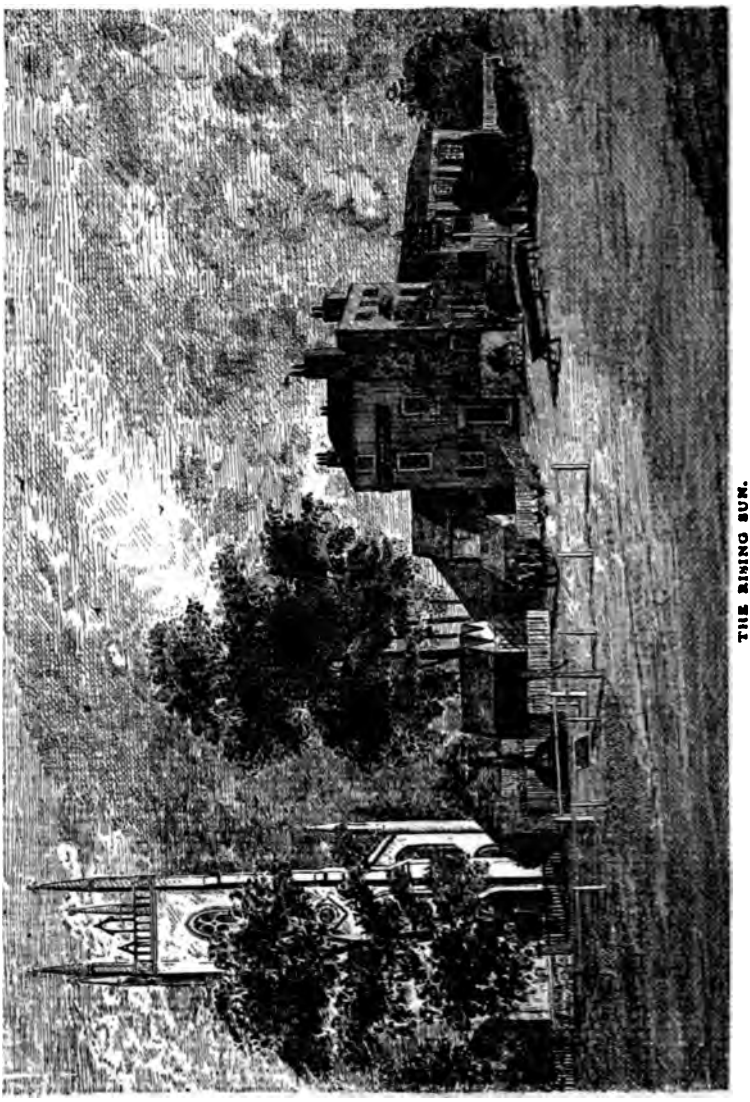
Gas pipes rated £190, water at £200. National and Infant Schools excused.

Resolved, that in consequence of the late calamitous Fire* which has unhappily occurred within the parish, the Metropolitan Board be asked to supply this parish and all other outlying Parishes with fire escapes.

1868. The Infant School Committee, desired the Garratt Lane trees removed. The W. D. B. W. asked to attend to it, and to repair the footpaths, the Lord of the Manor having renounced his right to the trees. In consequence of the unsatisfactory state of the Charity accounts of this parish, application be made to the Charity Commissioners, for their advice on the subject.

The Ch:Wardens reported that at the walking of the bounds, they found that at the West end of Rectory lane, and going in a N.E. direction there were no fixed boundary posts. Two were found lying on the ground supposed to have been removed from the north-east side of the avenue on Tooting common, near the long road, and from Mr. Brands park respectively. The Pioneer, from North End of Green Lane to Mr. Brands park, did not follow the line as defined by Streatham posts, but took a straight line from the door of the late Mr. Phillips Lodge in Streatham Park, to a point in Mr. Brands park, about 40 feet N. E. of the N. angle of Tooting Common, thus taking in about 2⅓ acres of what is claimed by Streatham Parish.

* The burning of the "Rising Sun." See notes on illustrations.



THE RISING SUN.



Suggested that as this matter requires settlement, the evidence of the old inhabitants should be collected, so that the differences between Streatham and Tooting-Graveney may be adjusted.

The same thing applies to the S. W. side of Tooting-Graveney. A strip of land formerly used as a tramway* is supposed to belong to Tooting-Graveney, but the occupier pays rates to Mitcham. A manufactory has been erected on the spot. The officers of the two parishes should meet, before the tramway boundary has disappeared. The only post found there, has been thrown across the stream at the W. corner. A new building has been erected between the Shoulder of Mutton field† & the Merton Road; it is not yet rated; also a piece of land rented of the railway has not been rated. A Tooting-Graveney post near Waterfall House is not in its right place. A Streatham post has been placed in the N. angle of the Cemetery, which is in the Tooting-Graveney parish.

Several posts wanted between the Merton & Mitcham Roads, where the surface has been disturbed by the new railway & roads. Two new granite stones about 1 ft cube, to be let into the footpath in Streatham Lane, near Messrs. Cracknell & Hubbards, with grooves cut upon them to show the proper angles, and at least 1 doz. new iron ones, be fixed and those now loose refixed, the whole be examined and painted every 2 years.

1869. The Vestry adjourned to the Rectory, the Rector being ill. The bounds as recently walked to be sustained, but no expense to be incurred. The Mitcham difficulty to be decided when the Ordnance Map is prepared and published.

* The iron railway which brought the fuller's earth, and lime, to Wandsworth from beyond Epsom. † See extra notes.

The Rector offers a piece of land to enlarge the Church-Yard. The parish to pay the legal expenses of the transfer, to remove present fence and erect one enclosing the new ground, plant it, and allow it to be consecrated. The committee recommend that it be not advisable to incur the expense, unless it be ½ an acre at least. So the Rector offered to do it all at his own expense, which offer was accepted. Resolved that the Public Houses now open, are amply sufficient for the supply of the demands of the parish, and the public. A memorial to the Justices on the subject to be prepared, asking them to grant no more licences.

1870. 32 & 33 Vic., cap. 41, sec. 3, adopted.*

Mr. Taylor refused to hand over the fire escape to M.B.W. He was ordered to do so. Remembering the jealous care of this parish from time immemorial in guarding the common from spoliation, as seen in the Vestry books and the action taken in 1815, they record in their books, their approval of the suit of Mr. Betts for the preservation of the Common, and determine to resist by all lawful means any further attempt at aggression on their rights. A Copy of the amended Bill, and the Judgment in the case Betts *v.* Thompson, to be endorsed by the Chairman† and deposited in the Iron Safe.

1874. Mr. Joseph Farmaner elected on the Vestry.

1875. At a Vestry of the inhabitants to elect Vestrymen, it was resolved that—"This Vestry requests the L.G.B. not to take one Guardian from the parish of Tooting-Graveney, to enable them to add one to Battersea. The Vestry considers that the proposal to reduce the Guardians to one only, is undesirable

* Forster's Education Act.

† This resolution was proposed by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Alston, the judgment being endorsed by W. K. Hooper, chairman.

and objectionable. If the one should from illness, death, or otherwise, be unable to attend to his work, the parish would be unrepresented." No notice of the subject was given to the Board of Guardians, and only 6 were present when the request for re-distribution took place. 4 voted for and 2 against, and as neither of the members for Tooting-Graveney were present, they having had no intimation of the subject, it was resolved, "that the views of this meeting be sent to the L.G.B. requesting that the number be not reduced." The L.G.B. saw no reason to alter their views. Tooting with a rateable value of £14,459 had as many (2) representatives as Streatham rated at £116,658.

6. Mr. J. Barringer* and Rev. G. S. Flack nominated as Guardians, 5 votes for each. Resolved that in future the Vestry meets at 9† o'clock in the morning. The Clerk is not to summon a meeting till he has communicated with the Rector who is the proper person to preside. Mr. W. P. Mellhuish elected a member of the Vestry. Complaints made of the want of watering in the parish, the Vestry Clerk to have the Vestry notices signed by the Ch:Wardens and Overseers.
7. A proposition made to remove the fence round the piece of waste land, adjoining the field, south of the Mitre Inn. An amendment to consult the Lord of the Manor first, and report to a future meeting, was carried. The Vestry protests against the enclosure but to save bother will accept £25 as an acknowledgment of their rights. Messrs. Fisher & Fisher the Sol^rs to the freeholders of the Mitre, without in any way admitting an encroachment, offer £20

See extra notes.

After three or four morning meetings they returned to the ning ones.

for any interest the parish might have in the land.

The Vestry accepted the £20 clear of any deduction, it to go to the Church-wardens towards their deficiency.*

A Company having purchased property in Garratt Lane, with a view to sinking Artesian wells, to supply the South of London, the parish were alarmed at the effect on the wells already existing. A committee was appointed to protect the interests of the Inhabitants.

1878. The Agents of Mr. Rich[d] Phillips, the freeholder of Streatham Park, wished to make an extension of the road known as Green Lane, leading from the Mitcham R[d] to Tooting-Graveney Common. The existing road if lengthened by 370 yards would join the main road from Streatham to Tooting and save going a long distance round. They had consulted the Streatham Vestry and the W. D. B. and hoped the Tooting parish would see the value of the improvement. The Vestry said they had no power to act, they must apply to the M. B. W. but in the event of any alteration being made they should expect compensation, agreeable to ancient custom. The resolution was moved by Mr. Farmaner. The Vestry clerk to call upon the Ch:Wardens to produce the agreement entered into by themselves and Mr. Pratt of the Vant R[d], for the enclosure by him of a piece of land situate in the Church Lane, adjoining the National Schools.

1880. Mr. S. E. Lambert elected on the Vestry.

The Vestry Clerk to write to the School Board for London, and ask what they intend doing with the Infant School in the Broadway in the event of

* The matter appears to have ended here, no payment having been made.

their building new schools for the parish, the Vestry being desirous of retaining the Building for parochial purposes. The L. S. B. asked £1500 but the Vestry offered £1000. The Board suggested £1250. This the Vestry agreed to and applied to the Poor Law Board for permission to borrow £1400. under the 13 & 14 Vic. c. 57 (the Act to prevent holding of Meetings in Churches, etc.).

1. Mr. Vant wrote asking the Vestry if they would give permission to him to make a road from Vant R^d^ (Eastern) to Church Lane, and give some of the school garden for that purpose.

Thos. Betts wished to divert the footpath or highway leading from Tooting Grove to Merton, into a new Road. Also a footway from Merton into Blackshaw R^d^. Agreed.

Mr. Stowell elected on the Vestry.

Rev. E. H. Morton, signs the Vestry Minutes and reads a report from Mr. St. Aubyn, in reference to the Roof and Gutters of the church. A voluntary rate of 3^d^ in the £ to be made for the purpose of repairs.

1. Correspondence, *re* the Infants School still going on. The L. S. W. Bank willing to advance the money on the security of the rates. The meetings of the Vestry in future to be monthly.

The Infant School having been purchased and the keys delivered up, the Vestry appointed a Committee to assist the Ch:Wardens & Overseers in fitting it up for a Vestry-Hall.

The Rector offered to rent the Dwelling House, but the Vestry wished to put in a caretaker and so declined the offer. The Vestry Clerk to draw up Rules and Conditions under which the Hall should be let. The Rector stated that he had the deeds of the Charity Schools in Church Lane in his

possession and they could be seen. He was asked to state under what trust the schools were held.

The candidates for caretakers office were voted for and Mr. Bignell was elected. The Rector wrote to the Vestry that the Schools were held in trust by the Rector and Churchwardens. Mr. Lambert gave notice of motion to ask what would be done with the Schools.

The Rector and Churchwardens in a dignified letter replied to the Vestry that they were intending to use the Schools primarily for the purpose for which they were intended by the donors and secondarily for such other educational and useful purposes as might be deemed advantageous. This reply was not to be considered as admitting any right on the Vestry to make the inquiry. A resolution asking for further information was withdrawn after the Rector's explanation.

The Vestry wrote to the Charity Commissioners objecting to Mr. Low being added to the Trustees of the Charities as he was not elected by the Vestry.

The Charity Commissioners informed the Vestry that the remaining Trustees had the power to fill up vacancies.

(NOTE. It is interesting to note how the various powers of the Vestry became curtailed. Originally they appointed both Wardens, now only one. Highway Surveyors, now only Representatives to District Board. Other powers, which they have since lost, included the appointment of Organist, Organ Blower, Parish Doctor, Vestry Clerk, Ale Connors, Headboroughs, Engine Tender, Constables, Beadles, and the making of Church Rates.)

The Vestry, ordered the Clerk to draw cheques for the following a/cs:

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Butcher, Law Expenses - -	13	9	0
Messrs. Wright, Bonner & Wright - -	48	3	10
Smith, furniture - - - -	16	0	0
Griffiths, Safe - - - -	13	13	0
Grellier, redemption of Tithe - -	5	16	4
Mitcham Gas Co. - - - -		17	11
Insurance - - - - -	1	11	9

Mr. Elliott served the overseers with a writ for the balance of his account for alterations and repairs to the Vestry Hall amounting to £73 . 8 . 6. This, together with the Law, costs £4 . 6 . 0., ordered to be paid. Mr. Gibson's account for surveying the works of the Hall amounting to £7 . 18 . 6., ordered to be paid.

3. Paving account £9 . 0 . 7. Chairs £17 . 12 . 0. Stationery £9 . 1 . 6. Gardening £1 . 10 . 0. Ordered to be paid.

Tooting Brass Band allowed the use of the Ante Room 2 evenings a week 7.30 to 9 at a charge of 2/6 per week.

The Cricket Club applied for the use of the Hall for an Invitation Ball, per their Hon. Sec. Mr. James Foster. They could have it for two guineas.

Mr. Hepple's account for Furniture £30 . 11 . 2 paid.

The Vestry decided that it was not needful to erect a new Workhouse for the Wandsworth & Clapham Union; this resolution to be sent to all other parishes in the Union. The Burial Board had taken Counsel's opinion and found they were not legally constituted. The Vestry suggested that they should resign.

Vestry, Mch. 27. The Rector raised the ques-

tion of the Election of Churchwardens by the Vestry (Elected) instead of by the Open Easter Vestry.

(NOTE. No other officers of the church elected at this meeting.)

The Committee appointed to consider the state of the Church-Yard and to suggest some means of providing for interments. Reported that 18 months would find it filled up except the reserved part. The Rector to be asked to sell more ground, or that ground should be purchased in the parish; failing that, an arrangement should be made with a Cemetery Company. It was resolved that so long as the reserved portion was not filled up, no steps should be taken to purchase more ground.

The Vestry applied to the W. D. B. W. to devise some plan for better ventilating the sewers. Mr Coates applied for the payment of his account £21 for half a year's work in the Church-Yard. Not entertained by the Vestry. Mr. Aldous carried a motion that the Vestry Hall be let to respectable ratepayers for "Quadrille Parties."

The Vestry Clerk to furnish a full account of the Parochial Trusts & Charities. To ask the W. D. B. W. to make up the Bickersteth R^d^ and the police to remove the costermongers from the corner of Defoe R^d^. (NOTE. Amusing letters appeared in the local press on this subject.) The tradesmen memorialized the Vestry to support Mr. Ruse's resolution, that the costers be allowed to stand in the High S^t^, around the fountain and opposite any business premises, as they considered that "any act aggressive to the Costermongers tends to destroy the Character this portion of the parish has borne for a number of years, as the Great

Marketable Centre of the District." (Signed by 32 Tradesmen.)

The Cricket Club to pay only 10/- for a Ball and 5/- for a Concert.

1884. The School Board to be asked to lend 6 Boys to walk the bounds. The reason given for wishing to see the Deeds of the Church Lane Schools was, that alterations had been made in the Schools without consulting the Vestry. (NOTE. They evidently forgot the reply sent before.)

The Vestry petitioned the Houses of Parliament by Sir Trevor Lawrence, against the removal of the ½d. limit in the Bill before Parliament *re* the Fire Brigade and stated that unlimited powers of raising money meant excessive expenditure, and that the Insurance Companies should contribute more.

A petition in favour of the Tooting, Balham & Brixton Railway was sent to the House of Commons.

(NOTE. It is thought best from this point only to note the subjects which came before the Vestry from time to time without details.)

The Selkirk Road Boundary question.

The use of the Hall granted to the Ratepayers Association for a Lecture on the History of Tooting by Mr. S. E. Lambert. (NOTE. At this Lecture the author of this book, now produced some thirteen years after, decided that he would, if possible, compile the History of the Parish from the official documents.)

The Vestry in communication with the Bishop *re* a faculty for reseating the Church.

Vestry Clerk's Salary increased to £100.

W. H. Gower appointed Caretaker of Vestry Hall.

1885. Public Meeting to be held *re* the Election of Guardian.

Tooting-Graveney opposed the Southwark & Vauxhall Water Co. Bill for raising more capital, as it might affect the Water Supply of the parish.

The enclosure in Church Lane considered and Mr. White ordered to remove the posts and rails.

Mr. Barbrook appointed Caretaker of the Vestry.

1886. The Vestry supported the Tramway Company's Scheme by a vote.

The Vestry petitioned the W. D. B. W. to take action on the Enclosure in Church Lane.

Vestry objected to the appointment of an assistant Sanitary Inspector by the Streatham & Tooting Committee of W. D. B. W.

The Vestry does not consider the parish can afford a Mortuary.

The Coroner removed a body from Tooting to Wandsworth on the plea that there was no Mortuary and summoned a Jury from Tooting.

The Vestry wrote to the Home Secretary as to the Coroner's power to do this.

The Home Office replied that they did not advise on a matter of Law.

Suggestion made to appoint a Burial Board.

1887. The Vestry memorialized the Home Secretary and other bodies in favour of the Coal & Wine Dues being continued for another 10 years.

The Vestry purchased the present stage and fittings for £11 . 9 . 0.

VESTRY NOTICE BOOK.

1818—1837.

Began by Robt. Welsh, Parish Clerk, and carried on by George Smart.

(It contains simply the notices of Vestry meetings published in the Church on Sundays.)



CHAPTER IV.

SELECTIONS FROM CHURCHWARDENS' BOOK.

1646—1687.

1646-49.

Rec from Allen former Church Warden - -	03	02	02
Rec by bill of Assessment 1646 - - -	04	19	09
Rec at the Communion the 20 July - -	00	03	08
Rec of man for Burial in the Church - -	00	06	08
Rec at Communion Easter Day - - -	00	02	00
Rec „ „ Low Sunday - -	00	02	06
Layings out			
P^d for Bread and Wine 1st Sabbath day April -	00	03	04
Item Given to a Soldiers Wife & pass - -	00	00	06
„ „ „ 3 Soldiers wifes & pass - -	00	01	06
„ For Two new bell Ropes - - -	00	03	10
„ mending the Churchyard Fence - -	00	07	06
„ for mending 2 Glass Windows - -	00	02	06
„ for paving of some Graves and for mending of the gutter - - - -	00	07	06
„ paid to a man which brought a noat from the sewers* court - - - -	00	00	06
„ Given to som English Irish women w^ch had authority for a collection - - -	00	01	10
„ Pd for one dealle bord for the seate by the font - - - - -	00	01	02
„ for half a hundred of paving Tylles -	00	04	00
„ given to a man which brought an ordinance of Parliament for a collection - -	00	01	06

* Servers.

Item paid to the High Constable for the House of Correction & mayned Soldiers for one wholle yeare ending at michaelmas 1647 as by aquittances appeareth - -	01	12	10
„ for 8 bushels of lime for paving - -	00	02	08
„ for one dais work for 2 bricklaiers - -	00	04	00
„ „ „ „ „ „ a laborer - -	00	01	02
„ given to a man which had a loss by fire in Kent by certificate under hands - -	00	01	10
„ paid to William Godman for mending the Church gate and the pue by the font . . . and for nails - - - - -	00	03	02
„ Given to a most distress[d] minister - -	00	03	06
„ for this booke - - - - -	00	02	06
„ for fee to a counsell, being employed by consent of the parrish - - -	01	00	00
„ for appearing before the comissioners by a warrant concerning mending the wayes at the font - - - - -	00	01	03
„ for mending the bell wheelle - -	00	00	06
„ for a deal bord to mend the steple - -	00	01	04
„ for William Hoxton going to Woodhey (*sic*) & for going to Westminster twice - -	00	16	08
„ for a bolt for the bellfery doore - -	00	00	09
1650.			
Item pd the bricklaier for defacing the kings arms in the church - - -	00	01	04
„ given to a great bellyed woman - -	00	00	06
„ for fencing of the churchyard - -	00	04	00
„ for washing of the church linen & cleaning the plate, five yeares - - -	00	05	00
„ given to a poor blind minister - -	00	00	08
Total expenses for the year - - -	03	18	08
1652.			
Item p[d] to a pour ministers widowe who had a greate loss by fire in Berksheire - -	00	01	00
„ p[d] to Goodman Richardes & Goodman Godman for workmanshipp and matterialls to repair the Church - - . -	07	00	00
„ p[d] for beare for the carpenters and bricklaiers - - - - -	00	02	02
„ p[d] for a bell roape - - - -	00	03	00

Item p[d] the glaiser for glass & leads - -	00	04	00
,, p[d] for a booke for the use of the church by Godman - - - - -	00	04	09
,, p[d] for a booke bound with vellum, and a quire of paper - - - -	00	04	ij
3.			
Rec[d] Assessment - - - - -	06	09	02
Rec[d] of ould stock* - - - -	00	11	00
,, Bread & Wine Low Sunday† - -	00	03	06
,, ,, ,, Witt Sunday - -	00	03	00
,, ,, ,, Palm ,, - -	00	03	09
,, ,, ,, Easter Day - -	00	02	00
Item p[d] by request of Mr Gawen (Minister) towards repairs of the Church - - -	03	15	00
p[d] for 4 quartes of ‡Muskedin & ½ p[t] - -	00	08	06
5.			
Item given a poor minister that would have pereashed - - - - -	00	01	00
Item laid out when Mr Gawen & Churchwardens paid the money w[ch] was collected for y[e] distressed protestants in ffrance under y[e] Duke of Savoy§ - - - - -	00	02	06
Item given to a poor gent that had a printed paper from several ministers of London -	00	01	00
Item paid out when y[e] minister churchwardens Goodman Sayer and others went to Croydon aboute the Valuinge of the parsons lyvinge -	00	03	00
Item given to 3 ffrench gentlemen whi[ch] had a passe - - - - - -	00	00	06
Item p[d] for a glass‖ for ye Church - -	00	02	06

From previous churchwardens.

Money paid out of collection towards the cost of bread and wine.

A strong Italian and French wine flavoured with musk. (See ;fellow's "Golden Legend," iv.)

On May 25, 1655, Cromwell issued his declaration, setting apart y of humiliation, and directing a general collection to be taken he relief of the persecuted in the valleys of Lucern, Angrona, etc.

"Avenge, O Lord, Thy slaughtered saints, whose bones
Lie scatter'd on the Alpine mountains cold."—*Milton.*

full text of Brief, see Bewe's "Church Briefs," pp. 147-152.

Hour-glass to measure the sermons by.

Item laid out at a meeting about Goodman Kings business - - - - -	00	02	02
Item p[d] for Goodman King being arrested -	00	06	00
„ p[d] for four qts of Allegant* for Palme Sunday & Eter Day - - - -	00	08	00
„ p[d] Godman for mendg a Ladder a lock for ye cubbourd in the Chansell and other necessaries - - - -	00	02	00
1656.			
Item p[d] for a load of bushes for the churchyard -	00	12	00
„ p[d] to William Saer for hedging - -	00	02	00
„ p[d] to a poore minister that said he came out of Ireland and had a wife & three children & would have preached and did not	00	02	06
„ p[d] for a bar of Iron 13 lbs for the Church Window - - - - -	00	06	06
„ p[d] to Mr Gawen for wryting the Valuation -	00	02	06

(NOTE. The parson is undecided as to the spelling of his Christian name. When he prints it in a debased sort of Old English, he puts Roland Gawen, but generally writes Rowland Gawen.)

1657. At the close of this year's accounts the Ch:Wardens had one shilling in hand.

1658. Surry to Wit Wee whose names and Seales are hereunto sett, Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid by virtue of the statute made in the three and fortieth† yeare of the late Queene Elizabeth entitled an act for the reliefe of the poore, doe nominate and appoynte you William Longe and Thomas Gaynford of Tootinge Gravney to be overseers of the poor of the s[d] parrishe for the yeare ensueing, and you together w[th] the Churchwardens of the same parrishe are to take order for the setting to worke of the poore of your sayde

* This is wine from Alicant, a province and fortified city in Spain. The wine made from the Mulberry. (See Smith's "Voyage to Russia," 1605.)

† Poor Law Act, 1601. Remained in force till 1834.

parrish and provideing of a convenient work for that purpose* and for the reliefe and maintainance of such as are lame and impotent amongst you, and for the placeing foorth Apprentices such children whose parents are unable to mainteine them and to doe and execute all other thinges enioyned you by the same Statute. And hereoff you are not to fayle att ye perrille. Given under our hands and seles the 7th day of May 1658

Jeremiah Baines
Richd Donnes.

Item Given to a poore gentellwoman - -	00	00	04
„ for making of a new Bell wheele and mending of some seates - - -	00	12	06
Item pd for sining the warrant to †authowr : se this booke - - - - -	00	01	06
Item pd and allow'd to John Jues‡ and Mitcoll Conduitt for palling of and for coales	00	16	10

(NOTE. This year is the last in which Sir John Maynard, Kt. Bath, appears in the assessment. He died in July. The Master Maynard, afterwards Sir John, who appears later on, was his son. He only survived his father six years.)

Item to Godman for 3 payre of hinges & hour glasse - - - - - -	000	02	02
Item to Godman for setting up a bench in the chancell and boarding the window up -	000	01	00
Item do for bench in gallery & paving a grave -	000	01	00
„ „ „ boarding a pew Bottom - -	000	01	06

Alderman Bolton assessed.

(Restoration of Charles II. (May) accounts for the following entry—)

This act provided that work should be provided by means of a enient stock of flax, hemp, wool, thread, iron, and other neces- ware and stuff.

To authorities. ‡ Ives.

P[d] for the Kings Armes . . . 02 . 15 . 00

(NOTE. Thus it has been seen that after the fall of Charles I. the King's Arms were defaced by a bricklayer; but on the restoration of Charles II. £2 15s. is expended for a new coat of arms. These are still in existence, and are in the possession of the present Vestry Clerk.)

Item p[d] for 4 Spikes - - - -	00	00	08
Item p[d] to Poplett for mending the church tiles -	00	10	00
Item p[d] to the plummer for soding & mending the leads - - - - -	00	07	06
Item p[d] for charcoale to heat the Irons - -	00	01	00
Item given to a poore minister - - -	00	00	06
„ „ „ „ poore seaman - - -	00	01	00
1661.			
Item for Altering the Reading glasse & the Oure glasse - - - - - -	00	04	00
Item for 3 Bookes - - - -	00	02	00
Item payde the 14[th] of June *1662 to the Bps assesers for ye swearing Edw Lynton & Edw Elderfeild† Ch:Wardens and for other fees -	00	02	08
Item p[d] their expenses at there severall attendances uppon the said officers - - -	00	03	04
Item p[d] for a New Comon Prayer Booke -	00	07	06
Item p[d] at the Visitation to the Officers for fees - - - - - -	00	03	04
Item p[d] for our expenses the same day - -	00	06	00
Item p[d] for a booke for the Minister - -	00	00	06
1663.			
Item p[d] a Tax for Chertsey Bridge - -	00	17	04
Item p[d] 400 & a half Tyles to mend the Church -	00	13	06

* 1661 and 1662 accounts are run on together.

† In Dr. Williamson's edition of Boyne's "Trade Tokens" are described two tokens issued by tradesmen in Tooting-Graveney:

"*O.* EDWARD . ELDERFIELD . AT=A fleur-de-lys.
R. LOWER . TOOTIN . 1665=E . E . E. Size of ½d."

Also token of John Williams, Churchwarden, 1674-6:

"*O.* IOHN . WILLIAMS . 1670=The King's Arms.
R. IN . LOWER . TOOTING=HIS HALF PENNY. Size of ½d."

Item p[d] 16 Bushells of Lyme - - -	00	08	00
Item p[d] 2 Bundles of Lath - - -	00	04	00
Item p[d] 2000 Lath Nayles - - -	00	02	06

The Receipts of the year were £30. 4. 7. Expenses £30. 7. 7.

54. (Lady Maynard Senior and Junior both assessed.)

65. Received £13 . 9 . 5. Expended £12 . 5 . 2.

Item p[d] for a Ladder for the Belfry - -	0	02	06
Item p[d] at visitation for a Book of Articles and a proclamation* - - - - -	0	02	00

67. ('Squire Hebdon paid £2 . 5 for ground taken in before his house & Joshua Gearing £1 . 10 for a like enclosure.)

68. The Gift of Edmond Seares of 40/- was disposed of to the poor of Tooting-Graveney. Sir John Maynard's Gift was distributed, the deed for which is in the hands of Edw. Dudson.

Item p[d] for 6 Days work mending Bell wheels & rope	15	00	
,, ,, Hoop for Bell wheel - - -	00	03	
,, ,, Timber for ditto - - - -	15	02	
,, ,, Pickaxe Shovel & Spade - - -	06	08	

70.

An assessment produced - - - -	15	0	2½
A crackd Bell - - - - -	3	11	6
From old Ch:Wardens - - - -	6	19	0
Old Timber & Stones - - - -	0	12	0
	26	2	8½
Spent on the Church - - - -	25	13	10

(This included white-washing, painting, gilding, repairs to windows; £3 was spent on the Ten Commandments.)

71. Joshua Gearing (the Dissenter) elected Ch:Warden. He declined to serve, and paid £3 towards the repairs of the church, and was discharged from serving the office till his turn comes again.

The Five Mile Act and the Conventicle Act. Both passed 1664-5. t of the group of Acts known as "The Clarendon Code."

Ordered, that the Lady Mary Mainard hath given a buriall cloth to the parish of Tooting-Graveney, that noe Churchwarden lend the said buriall cloth out of the said parish but upon penalty for forfeiture of 2/6 for every day that it is soe lent. We say 2/6 which every Churchwarden is to give an account of at the surrendering of his yearly accounts.

1671.

Item p[d] for a Basin for the Church - -	00	10	00
,, ,, ,, ,, Dish to gather money of ye people in ye Church - - -	02	06	00

1672. We whose names are here subscribed do graunt and allowe to John Hebdon Esquire the seat where his servants have lately sitt to be affixed to his house for ever in consideration that the same pue or seate was erected and built at his own proper cost and charges, May 9, 1672.

1673. (Rt. Hon. Charles Lord Grey* assessed.)

1675. The Pew westward of the Belfrey Pew was allotted to Mrs. Silvestra Hebdon (widdowe) for her own use and not for her servants.

1676. P[d] for a Surplice . . . 03 . 09 . 00

(This account is the clearest written, up to that date. Lady Maynard's name disappears from the lists.)

1678.

p[d] for 2 Prayer-Books & a proclamation of the first fast - - - - - -	00	02	00
p[d] to Two commanders having ye privy Seale &[c]	00	02	06
p[d] for a booke of Homilies for the Church -	00	09	06
p[d] ,, ,, ,, ,, the 39 Articles - - -	00	00	04
p[d] for a Chest with a lock & key & irons for ye church to put ye comons in - - -	01	06	00

1679. For the time to come noe Churchwardens shall exceed in expenses about the church the summe

* Baron Grey, of Rollaston.

of fforty shillings over and above such assessment as shall be made for that yeare without the consent of a Vestry.

p[d] Goodman Smith for whiping ye dogges -	00	01	06
9.			
p[d] Clark to Servers* Court - - -	00	01	00
p[d] for Writing a petition about the Common -	00	02	00
p[d] for Reading the petition on the Servers Court	00	02	06
1.			
p[d] Mr Aps about the Common - - -	00	05	00
p[d] Goodman Roads for Chertsey Bridge - -	01	12	10
p[d] a poore man undon by Fire - - -	00	01	00
p[d] at the Servers court for the traverse† - -	00	14	04
p[d] for a copy of the Indictment about the Common - - - - -	00	00	06
p[d] to Goodman Roads for Blackwater Bridge -	00	06	05
p[d] Expenses about the Common - - -	00	06	00
Given to a poore man from Turkey - -	00	00	06
p[d] to Mr Bynes charges about the Common -	01	00	00
p[d] the Cryer of the Servers Court - -	00	01	00
3.			
p[d] for 2 Books read on ye fast Day - -	00	02	00
p[d] for Cleaning the Church plate - -	00	00	06
Giv[n] to a Seaman taken by the Turks - -	00	01	00
4.			
p[d] Bryan Abbott for the keeping of Hanna Rants having the Small Pox - - - -	01	10	00
p[d] for an order to alter ye Common Prayer Book‡	000	01	00
5.			
Spent at ye possessioning§ - - -	00	04	06
Gave a Great Belli'd woman - - -	00	00	06

[Memoranda at the end of the book.]

4. An assessment . . . 003 . 03 . 08

2. Maynards Gift distributed.

Mr. Endebrooks Gift 40/- distributed.

* Court Baron. † A denial.

This comes late in the account. Charles II. died February 6, 1685.

This often occurs, but hitherto undecipherable. The term proy has reference to those who possess property by reason of ing it undisputed for seven years (?).

1663. Maynards Gift distributed. (Among those receiving it is "Old Bess.")
1664. Maynards Gift distributed.
1665. Ditto.
1666 to 1670. Ditto.

Churchwardens' Book.

1687—1742.

1687.

paid for this booke	00	04	00

1691.

p[d] for Binding the Church Bible	00	05	00

1692. Capt[n] Grantham upon the payment of £5 English money is exempted and freed from all Parish offices during the Time of his Lease being 9 years from Lady Day last.

1693.

Disbursements	09	17	05
Recp[ts]	07	11	06

1696.

p[d] for a hasock for the ministers reading place	000	02	00
p[d] for Mending & new binding the buriell Cloth work and material	000	05	00

1697.

Recp[ts]	006	15	05
Expended	006	05	10
p[d] for 4 Bottles of Tent*	000	10	00

1698.

p[d] 2 Prayer Books 2 Proclamations & a Brief†	000	03	06

1699. (Sir Ja. Bateman signs the account book.)

The Meeting House assessed on a 6[d] rate at 4½	000	03	09

* A rich Spanish wine, chiefly used for the Communion, imported from Galicia or Malaga. Mentioned in the "Percy Reliques":

> "While the Tinker did dine we had plenty of wine,
> Rich Canary with Sherry and *Tent* superfine."

† Redemption Brief, to deliver from slavery the prisoners of the pirates of Algeria and Turkey.

1700. Sir Jas. Bateman to enclose a piece of waste land, against the house he bought of Mr. Hargrave. He to pay the sum of Twenty Ginneys which he gave to the parish. (NOTE. The margin has £21 . 10 . 0, and it is so carried into the accounts. £9 . 14 . 10 was expended on the poor, and £11 . 15 . 2 went to the credit of the Churchwardens' accounts.)

(An assessment at 5¼d in £ = £5 . 13 . 5½.)

1701. Sir Jas. Bateman gave, to apprentice James Lardner to a printer, £5.

Smith's Charity behind-hand 1½ years.

p[d] John Gains to take S. Willson apprentice 9 years - - - - - -	7	12	6
p[d] Lardners apprenticing - - - -	8	0	0

1703. Mr. Chas. Lean to make a pew next the Manor pew, to be attached to his house for ever.

(Smith's Donation distributed to date.)

p[d] for 8 Prayer Books & proclamation - -		10	10
p[d] for a Table for the Vestry - - - -		3	7
1704.			
p[d] for Carying & ffeching the Bell - - -		5	0
p[d] for ffeching the Wheel & other Things - -		2	0
p[d] Spent on the Workmen - - - -		3	0
p[d] the Smith ffor Iron work abought the Bell -		17	0
p[d] the Carpenter ffor Hanging the Bell - -	5	3	0

(Note. *The bell is dated* 1705.* These entries are at the end of the 1704 account, which closes Easter, 1705.)

1705. (Rate 2/- in £ produced £62 . 19 . 0.)

The expenses for the year were £8 . 18 . 4.

(Where the balance went there is no sign, and there being no Vestry books of that date, it is im-

* The bell now hanging in the tower has this mark, "M. B. made ME. 1705." The maker, Matthew Bagley, came to London in or about 1687; died 1715.—Stahlschmidt's "Surrey Bells and London Bell-founders," Elliot Stock, London, 1884. Mr. Stahlschmidt is buried in he churchyard.

possible to trace the item. The Churchwardens' accounts about this time are decidedly puzzling.)

1707. (The scribe who enters the accounts spells the name of the parish "Tutin.")

	p[d] for a Cofin & Sroud	10	0
1708.			
	p[d] the Churgion for setting Goody Bonds Childs arm	1	0 0
	p[d] the Clarke for digging Freeland & Bushnells Graves	4	0
1709.			
	p[d] for a dyaper Napkin to put ye Surplice in	1	10
	p[d] for letters about the Legacy left by Mr. Bickley to the poor of the parish		6
	p[d] Charges about Goddard that Cutt his Throat	1	3 6

(NOTE. Goddard was ale-conner.)

1710.			
	Pd to (*sic*) a Robberry	3	3
	„ for Eleys Coffin & Shroud	9	6
	„ „ Beere & Bread at his burying	6	3
	„ the Clark	2	0
	„ for Christening the Child that was left*	2	0
	„ Mr Midgee for Linnen for the child*	7	8
	„ for Making the Things up*	2	6
	„ for Hooks & Nailes & hanging ye Coat of Arms	5	0
1711.			
	Rec[d] for a Silver Cupp that was sold	2	11 9

(The Repertory, an illustration of which appears on p. 29, has an endorsement to the effect that this was sold in 1711. The endorsement is dated 1718, and signed by the Rector and Ch:Wardens.)

(Mr. Man paid 6/8 for Burying Madam Man in the Church. It was distributed to the poor.)

1713.			
	Paid a Constables Rait (*sic*) for Robbery	13	0
	p[d] Linton Boy for Hedgehog		4
	p[d] for Common Prayer Book	12	6
	Rate for year	8	6 1½
	Expended	8	0 0

* See Vestry Book, 1710, p. 48.

716.

P[d] Lead for the Church - - - -	7	10	0
P[d] for Woman Lying in & taking examination etc -	2	15	6

717. Resolved Nem: Contradicente That no gravell shall be henceforward sold to the Parish of Stretham or any other Parish by any officer whatsoever, on penalty of the Forfeiture of Five Pounds for every such Offence, except it be to a Gent[n] a Lood Two or Three for his own particular occasions. Signed Timo Turner. (And 15 others.)

1715.

Paid Mr Ansell Soon for writing of a copey from S[r] James Bateman Gift - - - -		5	0

1719.

P[d] Charges to go for Smiths Money - -		5	0
P[d] for 2 Hedg Hogges - - -			8
P[d] High Constable for passing of Vagons - -		13	0

(NOTE. Timo Turner signs his last church rate in a bold but shaky hand.)

720. (Sam. Lisle signs the Rate. See biographical note on Bishop Lisle.)

721.

P[d] for 3 Trees of Sqr Batemans Spoilt in the Roade		7	0
Rec[d] of Robt Hill on a/c of charges for His Wife & Children - - - - - -	9	9	0
Spent at Coffee House when receiving the money from Hill - - - - - -		1	0

723.

P[d] Thos Shepherds Bill for work for the Church pails, the Common Fields Gate & New Stocks -	3	1	1
P[d] Mr Ansell for Smiths Work don about the Rails & New Stocks - - - - -	2	11	6
P[d] Mr Shepherd for Railing & Wharfing ag[t] the Alms houses* & the road to Mitcham - -	3	1	6

724.

P[d] for ye Town Pump & arching . - - -	2	17	6

* Bateman Almshouses. See footnote, p. 17, and also Charities hapter.

1725.

P^d for a Redgester - - - - - 10 0
P^d for a woman that lay all night at Goody Bodys sending for ye Midw:fe from Merton & other charges - - - - - 7 0

1726.

Rec^d - - - - - - - 24 14 2
Expended - - - - - - 14 16 5

1727. Agreed That the gift of Sir John Maynard should be called in, and Mr. Couchman, the remaining Trustee, should deliver up the writings to the present Ch:Wardens. Signed Hy. Cotton, Curate. (And others.)

P^d Mr Woods Bill for the arch by the Church - 3 6 0
P^d for New Order of Common Prayer* - - 2 0

1729. (Rental Value first appears in the Church Rate list. Nicholas Brady signs the Rate.)

1730.

P^d John Frost Constables Staff - - - 6 0

1731.

P^d for a Common Prayer Book - - - 19 0
P^d Gibling for Shingleing the steeple & other work - 13 6 0
P^d for 11 Hedgehogs & 5 Poll Cats - - - 6 2

1732. (John Man, Justice of the Peace, was Ch:Warden.)

P^d Good Ren† for cleaning ye Chancel & Pulpit - 5 0
P^d for Repairing the Church Gilding - - 2 0 1

1733. (The Rev. Mr. Brady a defaulter in his Church Rate.)

1734. (A Rate of 1/- in the £ to be made for the thorough repair of the Church and the erection of a new pulpit. Rate produced £41.15.2. The cost was £42.1.11½.)

P^d for New Collaring ye Surplice - - - 5 0

1735.

P^d 28 Hedge Hogs - - - - - 9 4
P^d for Oyling & Playing ye Engine - - - 12 6

* George I. died. † Goody Wren.

1737. Agreed that the Gallery of the Church be made more commodious for the reception of more people.

1736.

P[d] Peter Knight for one years Salary looking after the Boys in Church - - - -	1	1	0

1738.

Paid Thos Hounnor for finding the books & puter Dish that was stole out of the Church - -		2	6
P[d] New Weights Scales & Pots for the Ale Conner -	2	2	6
P[d] New Common Prayer Bk - - - -		18	0
P[d] New Surplice & mending the old one - -	3	15	0

1739.

P[d] the Clerk of the Bench - - - -	8	7	0
P[d] for Making the Arch - - - -	1	2	3
P[d] for Ralling for the Gravell Pitt & covering ye arch - - - - - -	5	17	0
P[d] Charles Lynn & Thos Lane to go to London to gitt a remody for their Eyes - - -		6	6
Receipts - - - - - -	39	6	9
Expenses - - - - - -	39	6	9

1740.

P[d] for painting the Donations in the Church -	4	4	0

1742.

P[d] for Making a Ditch in the Church Lane - -		1	6
P[d] for Repairing Gregorys Staff - - -		3	0
P[d] for a Small Constables Staff - - -		2	0

(Not chronologically arranged, being Memo: at end of Book.)

1736. £18 Rec[d] of Mr Bond, Overseer, for putting Henry Banister a Lame Boy apprentice to W[m] Deacon Cordwinder of Epsom.

Jervas Bellers to have £3. 8. 0 for the maintainance of his wife, she being about to Lye Down.

John Shepherd to be bound to Watts a press maker. £8 to be paid.

Henry Barrister to be put under the care of Sarah Wallen at Epsom to have his hip put in.

Town pump to be putt in Repair forthwith.

Stocks to be putt in repair and Locks taken off the doors of the pews in the body of the Church.

John Williamson to take no apprentice or yearly servant to make a parishioner till he has gained a settlement.

1727. Inventary of Goodman Oades Goods
Item a Bed and bedsted and curtains
Item a Chest and Stand and Drawers
Item a Grate and fender and tongs
Item 2 Hand Irons 2 Grid Irons one pott hanger
Item 1 Bellows 1 Spit 1 Warming pan
Item a Pepper Box and Ginger Box
Item 1 Iron pot 1 Brass Pot
Item 5 Chairs 2 Tables 1 Stoole
Item 1 Frying pan 2 Nest of Drawers
Item 2 Side Cubberds 6 Wood Trenchers.
Item 3 earth pans 2 earth perrenger (*sic*) and basin
Item 2 Earth plates one Earth Dish and Cullender one paile

Sign Jn° Gibling Ch:Warden
Rich^d^ Tuggey + Overseer.
Mark.

1708. At a Parish Meeting it was agreed that Mr Edw. Sares should pass his word or stand engaged for the rent for the Widow Bushnall for one year on the parish account. Agreed at the same time that Tho Ansell was to lay down 40^s^ for cloathing the Wido Bushnalls Eldest daughter out of y^e^ money he hath of the parishes in his hand

Signed John Man. (And others.)

1700. W^m^ Oades by his mark acknowledges the recep^t^ of £3. part of the Bateman payment.

John Horrod acknowledges recpt of £2. with Ric^d^ Eley as apprentice from same fund.

1701. John Payne acknowledges recpt of £7. 10. 0 from

Deputy Scriven for the apprenticing of Samuel Willson.

1707. Thos Ansell acknowledges recpt of £7 binding Bushnalls Boy to him for 10 yeers.

1694. Rec^{d} of Mr Jefes 2 silver coopes and dis flagon tabel cloth and napsen and burien cloat.

Nichos Lynn

1701. Rec^{d} ye 26 Ma 1701 of Mr Isaac Brand Church Warden

1 Chest
1 Gilt Bowle and patten
1 Silver Bowle and kiver
1 Silver w^{t} a handle
1 Puter flagon
1 Table Cloth and Napkin of duper (diaper).
1 black paul and Bagg
1 black box with writings that consern the pish

1702. Rec^{d} y^{e} 9th of April 1702 of Joseph Scriven the severall perticulars above mentioned. Nicholas Lynn.

1703. Rec^{d} of Jn^{o} Midgee Churchwarden for the yeer 1703 all the abovesaid moveables belonging to the church except y^{e} black paul and bag and napkin which are in the hands of the Clarke. I say rec^{d} by me.

(NOTE. This is in Edward Sares' handwriting.)

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

1743—1786.

1743.

P^{d} Gregory the Beadle - - - -	1	1	0
P^{d} for this Book - - - - -		6	9
P^{d} Expenses attending the Bench & removing of Papishes* - - - - - -	1	5	4½

* Papists. In "Old English Catholic Missions," by Payne, 1889, is recorded: "1755. Liber ab Hæresi Conversorum. 1756. Liberi N. et Mariæ Besley, ex parochia de Tooting in Surrey, Maria Besley, ætat. 14, Josephus B., ætat. 12, Rebecca B., ætat. 11, et Anna, B., ætat. 9, Catholice æducari cæperunt sub me Gul. H.," etc.

1746.

P^d Waiting on Mr Brady 3 Times - - - 1 1 0
P^d Passing the Soldier Wife Clerks fee. Horse & Cart & Man - - - - - 14 7½
P^d Dinner Easter Tuesday - - - - 1 0 0
P^d Expenses to the Woman during her stay at Bignolds' (that had fitts) - - - - 10 7

1748. (Rate for Repairs to Church 1/- a £ = 41 . 13 . 6)
Signed by Chas Pinfold.
Present, Julius Cæsar, Deputy Register.

Binding the Register Book - - - - 4 0
Attending Justices on a/c of Cattle - - - 1 3 0
34 Hedge Hogs & 9 Moles - - - - 14 4

1749.

Killing Moles - - - - - 2 6
Tressels for use of Church - - - 10 0

1750.

3 Men 3 Days Weding Church y^d & throwing Gravel out of the Moat - - - - 13 6

1752.

Moving the Parish Chest - - - - 6

1753.

Ditto do - - - - 6
New Register Book - - - - - 10 2

1756. (A 6^d Rate produced £22 2 6.)

1760.

Crismuss Dinner - - - - - 1 0 0
Easter „ - - - - - 2 10 0

1761.

A form of prayer - - - - - 4 0
A proclamation - - - - - 4 0
*Alteration of prayer for the Queen - - - 4 0
For the fast Day - - - - - 4 0
For the Taking of Martinico† - - - 4 0

1762.

*Form of Prayer for Queens Delivery - - 4 0

* George III.'s consort, Charlotte.
† Martinique.

	*2 Form of Prayer for Prince			8 0
	†Form of Prayer for Havana			4 0
	‡ „ „ for Generall Peace			4 0
1763.				
	6 Bushells of Charcoal to air the Church			12 0
1764.				
	Engine Bill		16	14 6
1765.				
	New Book for Overseers			5 0
	New Matten & binding to the Communion Table			7 6
	New Umberella		1	5 0
1766.				
	Binding 2 Church Books		1	11 0
	Gray 2 Days airing the Church			3 4
1767.				
	§Easter Dinner		1	10 0
	Christmas Dinner		1	16 0
	A Covering for the Ministers Cushion			2 6
1768.				
	Spent on the Engine		8	3 7
	5 Moles killed in Ch yard			10
	‖Expense for going round the parish to drive the strolers			2 0
1769.				
	Paid for Books for the Church		1	0 0
	(A Rate of 9d in £ produces £51 4 3.)			
1771.				
	Constables Staves			10 6
1772.				
	Pd for Burns¶ Works		1	4 0
	Searching the outhouses at times			4 6
1772.				
	For a Yard & Ell measure			6
	„ Weights and Scales		5	0 0

* Afterwards George IV.

† Capital of Cuba, captured during the Spanish War of 1762.

‡ Treaty of Paris, signed February 10, 1763.

§ An error. One pound extra charged in 1768.

‖ This often occurs about this time.

¶ Not the poet, but the Justice of the Peace.

1773.

For a Boy going up ye Vestry Chimney	-	-	3
„ a Slate for the Singers -	-	-	10
*Paid for an Intended Vestry	-	-	2 0
P[d] Mr Haltam Ironmonger -	-	-	2 17 2
„ Carriage of a Grate Etc. -	-	-	1 2
„ Mr Crowder for 3 Books	-	-	3 0 0

1775.

„ for Bible for Reading Desk	-	-	3 0 0
„ „ 2 surplices complete -	-	-	4 0 0

1777. Voted that publick thanks be given to John Rogers Esq[r] for his donation to the Church of an elegant chandelier, and that Morgan Rice be desir'd to express the grateful sense the parish entertain of their obligation to Mr Rogers for the same.

1776.

P[d] 29 Hedgehogs 3 Stotes & 6 Pole Cats - -	11 4

1777.

Vestry Book of Marriages - - - -	1 12 0
Printing Bills about Lead stolen from Vestry Room	6 0

1778.

To Killing a Fox - - - - -	1 0

1780. (A rate of 9[d] for alterations to the Church.)

(Morgan Rice has £14. 0. 5 on hand from sale and letting of pews. This to go towards the present alterations and repairs. The Carpenter employed to take old timber away, to give credit for it. The rate produced £84. 9. 11½. The expenses that year £112. 18. 11.)

1779.

Mr Roper drawn for Militia	-	-	4 4 0
Mr Relfee do	-	-	3 3 0

1780.

Mr Norris do	-	-	4 4 0
Mr Butcher do	-	-	3 13 6

1782.

Easter Dinner & Vestry	-	-	2 15 0
Christmas do	-	-	2 5 0

* There was trouble about this. See Vestry Minute Book, p. 74.

Benjamin Dunckly Drawn for Militia			5	0 0
W^m^ Faulkener do			5	0 0

1783. (Those who could not pay their Church Rate had gradually increased to £8. 0. 6 this year.)

*Summons for Dr Allen			4 0
†2 Reg^r^ Books & Stamps		3	11 3

1785.

Painting & Repairing the Engine		4	5 8
Registers Stamping		1	9 0
Forms of Prayer & List of Lent Preachers			5 6
A Holy Bible		1	11 6
12 Leather Buckets		3	15 0
Beadle 8 Months (Wages) & Coat		11	11 0

Churchwardens' Book.

1786—1803.

1786. (Rate of 6^d^ in £ produced £70. 8. 10. Expended £75. 17. 11½.)

1791.

Repairing the Engine		22	0 0

1792.

Gray for loping the Trees			5 0
Two men to Watch the Church 1 Week			8 0
Mrs Wells Drying the Church			3 0
2 Gals of Porter for the Workmen			2 4
Charcoal & Mop			5 0
Making Curtain for Singers Gallery			1 0

1793. (Rate of 6^d^ in £ produced £80. 2. 0. Expenses £70. 12. 10.)

1795.

Repairing Church Books			5 0

1796.

Expenses at Castle making choice of Ale Conner		2	2 0
Paid to the Singers		2	2 0

* A defaulter in his church rate.

† The books were stamped at each entry. The 3d. to be received by the parish from the undertaker, or he to be penalized £5.

1797.
Paid to the Singers - - - - - 3 3 0

1799. (Rate at 6d in £=87. 12. 0. Extras to £94. 11 6. Exes' £35. 12. 6. Uncollected £6. 0. 0. Carried forward £52. 19. 0.)

1800. (The rate was 3d in £ so the balance was swallowed up and the parish owed the Ch:Wardens 18/3½. The Rental value of the parish £3479.)

1802.
Register Book - - - - - 17 6

1803.
*Giving Notice of Volunteers to meet - - 1 0

Churchwardens' Book.

1816—1826.

1816.
Church Books - - - - - 11 16 6
Sacramental Wine - - - - - 7 9 0
Carpenter, £74 11 8. Bricklayer, £30. Painting, £32 15 3 - - - - - - 137 6 11

1817.
Repair of Engine - - - - - 25 4 6
Bk Cloth for Pulpit† - - - - - 9 0 0
D. Morris for Stocks - - - - - 4 15 0

1818. (A 6d rate produces £129. 12. 0. Fees 6/6=135. 18. The rental value of the parish £5184. The uncollected rate £13.)

1819.
Richd Bayley crying concerning Mad Dogs - 3 6
Danl. Norris (Watch Box)‡ - - - - 7 0 0
Beating the Bounds - - - - - 16 5 8
Boosey & Sons. (Printing Hymns) - - 8 2 6
§Crape for the Church - - - - 9 9

* Renewal of war with France. The commencement of the Buonaparte scare.

† Death of Princess Charlotte, daughter of the Prince Regent.

‡ See p. 98. § George III. died January 29, 1820.

1820.

J. Rivington, (For Confirmation Tracts) - -		14	5
Organist - - - - - -	21	0	0
Coat & Hat for Beadle - - - -	7	17	6

1821. Rental value £5352.

Sacramental Wine - - - - -	6	11	0
Boundary Posts - - - - -	6	7	7

1822. Rental value £5466.

W. H. Kelly, printing Hymns - - -	2	15	6
Carpet for Pulpit & Desk - - - -	2	9	0
Easter Dinner - - - - -	5	8	11
Cloths for Communion Table - - -	1	9	6
Vermin - - - - - -	1	1	6

1823. Rental value £5,619, rate 9d in £.

1824.

Paper, Cards, Notes, etc., at Consecration of Chyd.		19	4
Josh. Pratt Grubbing in Chyd. - - -		5	0
R. G. Thomas, Bill for Consecration of Chyd. -	64	9	10
W. Moore „ „ „ -	47	10	4
E. Bridges „ „ „ -	6	4	0
S. Waller, Bricklayer - - - -	30	6	2
Ann Molyneux, painter - - - -	34	7	4
Josh Overton, Carpenter - - - -	73	13	5
John Gray, printing Hymns - - -	4	10	0
Thos Ibotson, paving Chyd - - - -	29	14	9
John Robinson, Marble Font - - -	36	15	0
Large Umberella & engraving the same - -		17	6
Cryer, on a/c of Mad Dogs - - - -		3	6
Expenses to deliver Petition relative to the Poor Laws; to Ld Holland & Mr Denniston* - -		19	4

(NOTE. The rate produced £285. 1. 0., and with the £200 paid by Dr. Blegborough—see Vestry Minutes—almost defrayed these heavy expenses,† which, in view of the building of a new Church ten years later, would seem to have been unnecessary.)

* See p. 108.

† These expenses, the outcome of the Vestry Minute of 1823. See estry Book.

1825.

Brass Rods		1 10
Writing fees (on Board)		5 19 1
Bowl for Font		14
Hymn Books		4 8
Hicks, Carpenter		46 6
Bible and Prayer Book, for Vestry Room		2 1

CHURCH RATE-BOOK.

1838—1854.

1838.

Pew Rents Rec[d]			69 2
(John Durst £12. Dr Lord £15.)			
Pew Entrance fees			31 3
			100 5
Organ Tuning	12 0 0		
Vestry Clerk	50 0 0		
Organist	30 0 0		
		92 0	
			8 5
Bal. from late Ch:Wardens			2 0
Rate	510 0 0		
Less Empty Houses, etc.	113 3 7½		
	396 16 4½		
Rec for costs	6 6		
		397 2	
			407 9
Expenses of visitation	2 14 9		
Reg[rs] fees	1 2 0		
Apparitor	17 0		
Confirming Rate	5 0		
Fire Insurance, British	10 16 0		
Stationery, W. Houghton	1 11 6		
Oil, Joseph Stery	10 0		
Hancock, Coals	1 2 0		
G. Nightengale, do	15 8		
Geo. Smith, do	11 0		
Brand, Matting	4 0		
J. G. Smith, Flourcloth (*sic*)	3 3		

Joseph Glover, 'Smith' - -	1	9	6
Ch. Gibling, Candles - -	1	6	2
W. Penfold, Brooms - -		16	8
Registrar's & Apparitors' fees -	1	0	6
Geo. Smart, Parish Clerk - -	20	0	0
Mary Wren, pew opener ¾ of a year & Bills - - -	13	2	6
John Smart, Beadle, Organ Blower, etc. - - - -	16	3	0
John Smart (serving Summons) -	2	5	0
Shooting Coals, for poor - -		6	0
Treary, Sacramental Wine -	2	12	3
Rich[e] Davis, ditto - - -	2	19	6
Stamps - - - -		7	0
Letters - - - -		1	3
Interest & repayment of Exch[r] Loan - - - -	221	17	0
Hicks' a/c & interest - -	104	9	9
	469	18	9
Bal due to CWardens - -	-	-	2 9 5

Signed W[m] Winders.

). (Expenses of Visitation Coach Hire Etc £4. 6. 0.)

t. (In addition to the Ordinary Rate Voluntary subscriptions to the amount of £111. 14. 0. were received.

This enabled the Ch:Wardens to pay Hicks his balance of £239. 17. 3. And having £38. 11. 0 in hand, they in 1843 paid Gray and Davidson for repairs to the Organ £30, and Mr. Cornish for relaying the Church with matting, £8. 11. 0.)

[illegible]			
Item, A Beadles Hat - - -	-	2	0 0
[illegible]			
Pew Rents - - - - -	-	76	7 0
Pew entrance fees - - - -	-	19	8 6
Old Watch Box sold - - -	-		9 0
Soap - - - - - -	-		19 9½
Burgess for Bell Hanging - - -	-	5	17 0
	12—2		

1843.

Beadles Hat -	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4 6
„ Coat	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	15 6
New Surplice	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0 0
Repairs Church-yard Fence			-	-		-	6	2 1

1845. Rateable value £7888. 6. 0.

(About this time I find the "Baker's Arms" rate also the garden adjoining the Calvinistic Chapel

1849. Rec[d] for Breaking of the Church Windows, Clar 6/2. Poole 6/6. Weatherspoon 9/6. Foster £1. 5 2.

(NOTE. These boys are named in the Schc house minutes as having been punished, but th names are spelt differently—viz., Forster (Hen Clark (George).)

P[d] for 3 Summonses for Boys Breaking windows, and attendance at Court -	-	-	-	-		1:
P[d] 39 Summons for Ch. Rates	-	-	-	-	3	1
P[d] Refreshments at Court -	-	-	-	-		1(

1850.

Visitation fees & Expenses -	-	-	-	-	-	4	(
Expenses at beating of Bounds	-	-	-	-	-	15	1
Smart, Sundries	-	-	12	4			
4 Men & Police	-	-	1	5	0		
Craghill Refreshments	-	-	1	0	2		
Weaver do	-	-	5	12	0		
Treary do	-	-	7	6	0		

1851. (These accounts are in the handwriting of Mr Norris the present Vestry-Clerk.)

P[d] final payment to Goverment for Loan -					-	73	1
P[d] Men beating Hassocks -	-	-	-	-	-		
P[d] for Coal for Beadle	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
P[d] for Hat „ „	-	-	-	-	-	2	
P[d] for 2 Surplices -	-	-	-	-	-	4	1

* The garden at the back of the chapel in the Merton Road, used as a Mission Hall.

2.
Mitcham Gas Co. ass[d] at £20.
Lambeth Water Co. „ £165.

3.
P[d] Mr. Treloar for matting - - - - 4 1 0

Churchwardens' Accounts.

1873—1896.

3. Recp[ts] Including Pew Rents and Sub[ns] £203. 9. 10¾.
Expenses £206. 18. 4¾.
Candles £3. 6. 2., and as this year there is a charge for laying on gas and for gas-fitting work, the era of candle-light ends.

4. £52. 10. 8 for Repairs, £18. 8. 9 for gas, £4. 2. 11½ for Lamp glasses.
Recp[ts] £202. 8. 1¼. Exes. £232. 17. 9¼.

5. Recp[ts] £171. 14. 10¾. Exes. £164. 18. 0¾.

6. The Churchwardens were deeply in debt for current expenses, so voluntary subscriptions were asked for and £69. 12. 6. rec[d]. This cleared off the 1877 Debt £56. 10. 3.
At Easter 1879 a balance was struck, and the Ch:Wardens owed £60. 17. 3 and had £20. 19. 1 to pay it with. By the aid of Mr. Mullen's pew rent £25, at the next Easter 1880 there was a balance in hand of £25. 7. 9¾. The term "Beadle" drops out here and "Sexton" is used instead.

7. Voluntary Sub[ns] £58. 7. 6 obtained to put things straight.

8. Ch:Wardens had £16. 7. 10½ in hand, but there was 4 years owing to the Organ tuners. This was paid in

9. and still £9. 3. 2½ left in hand. They paid towards Choral Fund £5. For Screen £5. For alterations for the Rector £5. Towards reseating the Church

£16. 11. 3¾. The Offertory account was about £30 better.

1887. Ch: Wardens again in debt. Voluntary subs. £40. 7. 0 and Loan from Rector of £10. put them in funds again. This year a septennial policy was taken out with the Westminster Fire Office at a cost of £25. 5. 0, a saving on the £4 17 6 paid each year previously, as in 1894 when the policy was renewed, it only cost £6. 4. 2.

1890. Church Tower required repairs. Donations £19 to pay for the same.

1894. A gale blew down a large part of the Church-Yard fence in the Church Lane. This cost £23. 10. 0 to replace, as the old wood was rotten. The result a deficit of £34. 18. 6. In

1895, this was reduced to £15. 1. 2.

CHAPTER V.

OVERSEERS' BOOK.

1661—1692.

1661. MEMORANDUM Received 28th of June of the Lady Maynard the amount of Twenty Shillings given by Sir John Maynard to ye poore of parrish of Lower Tooting for evir as per deede now at large will appeere beeing now in the custody of Edw Dudson which 20s anewety for this yeare was by him and Mr Endebrook distributed as followeth

Impd to the Widdow King	-	-	- 00 03 00
Pd to Nich: Lins Wife	-	-	- 00 03 00
Pd to Widdow Baker	-	-	- 00 01 06
Pd to *Mis Hannoway	-	-	- 00 03 00
Pd to William Godman	-	-	- 00 02 06
Pd to Goodman Lowiss	-	-	- 00 03 00
Pd to Old Bess	-	-	- 00 01 06
Pd to Goody Langley	-	-	- 00 01 00
Pd to Goody Taylor	-	-	- 00 01 06
			01 00 00

Memorand This Annewety of twenty shillgs is to be paid on the 28th of July for ever to Edward Dudson or some other of the ffeffees† and to be dis-

* Distinctly written Mrs. a year later.

† Feoffee, one invested with a fief or trust.

tributed at the discretion of the Minister Churchwardens and Overseers as per y^e^ said deeds now at Large will appear.

Sir John Maynards gift ffor the yeare 1662 and 1663 weare enterd in the Churchwardens booke and weare distributed according to the Am^o^ there entered.

(The assessment for 1661 amounted to £9. 2. 5 but only produced £7. 12. 8 Lady Maynard £1. 10. 0. her son Sir John, (the younger) 3/7.)

(This is signed by Benjamin Lovell (see Rectors), John Dudson, George Endebrooke, Joshua Gearing. The total amount received for the year was)

Balance of Smith's charity, and assessment	12	16	10
Amount expended	11	10	00
Forward	01	06	10

Among the items of expenditure are:

Imp. for syning y^e^ Assessment by y^e^ Justices & ther warrant there uppon	00	03	00
P^d^ to Goodwife King for 49 weekes Pens^n^	02	09	00
P^d^ for a years rent for Goodwife King	01	10	00
P^d^ for a wastcot for Goodman Lowiss	00	04	00
P^d^ for a new book for Poors Assessment	00	02	00
P^d^ Godman for The Common field gate	00	07	00
P^d^ to Wil Kings Master towards the Clothing of Will King when he went to Prentice	01	00	00
P^d^ for waites & Skales for y^e^ Parish	00	18	00
Given to Taylors Daughters Husband	00	01	00

(The justices who signed were John Bromfield, Tho. Lee, George Chute, Geo. Moore.)

(During this year the term Lower Tooting is used, also Tutting-Graveney.)

1664. An acc^t^ of Moneyes paide by me Joshua Gearing being the gift of Mr Henry Smith according to the

directions in Mr Smiths deede for charitable uses ffor the releife of the pore of Lower Tooting since the 12th of Aprill 1664.

Pd Mr. Dudson for 20 yards of cloath -	-	002	14 00
Pd Goodman Roades ffor makeing a goune for Mrs Hanoway & a Peticoate & wastcoote for goodwife Richards & a Pettecote and wastcote for goodwife Langly & a cote for ould goodman Lowin & for materials that he found -	-	00	17 00
Pd ffor two shirts ffor Edward Baker -	-	00	04 04

This was 2 yeers donation less the expense of fetching the money.

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Recd of Lady Maynard for Gleabe -	-	00	02 00
„ Mr. Gearing „ „ -	-	00	01 40
„ Mr. Couchman „ „ -	-	00	00 04
„ Mr. Sares „ „ -	-	00	00 03
„ Mr. Bickley now Humphy Pledg for Gleabe		00	00 08
„ Walter Sanham „ „		00	01 03

2-3. Pd out wch was expended in and about Mr Hawkins his maid brought to bedd in the parish 02. 04. 04.

5. July the 26th Recd then by the order of the Lady Mary Maynard from George Starton and Joseph Moore Surveyors of the Highways for the parish of Stretham ye sum of eight shillings being in consideration for leave granted to digg gravell in the comons belonging to the parish of Tooting Graveney To mend the highways of ye said parish of Stretham and eight shillings were to be paid on Michaelmas daye next 00. 08. 00.

(Other entries make this up to 16/- for 1675 and a like sum for 1676.)

2. Memorandum That at a meeting of the parrish this day a "breif" was produced whereby six shillings and fivepence was collected for the parrish of Newent in the county of Gloucester in the 26th

yeare of the Kings Reigne which breif* not being called for the money collected was delivered by Mr Bickley for the use of the poore and if herafter it should be called for the parrish will make it good.

Also one breif more produced by Mr Bickley the summe collected five shillings for Topsham† in devon the 27th yeare of the Kings Reigne, also one breif now produced by Mr Sanders the summe collected seaven shillings five pence for the parrish of Harlington‡ in Midlesex the 29th year of the Kings Reigne, which said money is now disposed of to the poore of the said parrish and if hereafter the Collectr should come for the said money the parrish will make it good as abovesaid.

1683. (30/- recd from Streetham for gravell and disposed of to poor parishioners.)

1684. (£2. 5. for same purpose.)

1685. Memorandum That Hannah Rance was sent to the parish of Tutin with a passe in ye second day of October, her keep in the parish cost £1. 12. 0. and she was given 6/- when she went away.

1688. (Timothy Turner's small handwriting here appears. Repeated accounts of sales of gravel both to Streatham and private persons. The money distributed to the poor.)

("Smiths Gift" repeatedly entered in the book, both its receipts and disbursements undated [? 1684].)

Disbursed of Mr Smiths gift by Mr Elliott.

* Brief issued in 1675-6 to rebuild the church at Newent, in Gloucestershire, which had fallen down; the loss was estimated at £2000. "Church Briefs," Bewes, p. 285.

† Topsham, in Devon. Brief issued 1876-7; amount required £1567. 5. 9., for damage by fire. *Ibid.*

‡ Harlington, Middlesex. Brief issued 1677-8 for £1046, to cover loss by fire. *Ibid.*, p. 286.

Pd for cloath for the poor - - - -	1	10	0
P[d] for making & other charges - - -		11	0
P[d] for Beefe & Bread for the poor in the great Frost*		19	0
	3	0	0

(At the end of the book there are several entries giving an account of Maynard's annual gift.) Also Rec[d] of Mr Thos Dudson the sum of five pounds being given to the poor of the parish by the last will and testament of Edward Dudson Esq and was distributed the 6[th] of December Anno Dn 1675 as followeth

To Joh Acham - - - - -		7	6
„ Old Smith - - - - -		7	6
„ The Wife of Richard Archer - - -		10	0
„ Will Ffrancis - - - - -		12	6
„ Widow Plemdel - - - - -		12	6
„ John Linn - - - - -		12	6
„ Old Crofts - - - - -		7	6
„ Widow Hampton - - - - -		7	6
„ Widow Buckingham - - - -		5	0
„ Old Sandham - - - - -		5	0
„ John Lewis - - - - -		7	6
„ Martha —— - - - - -		5	0
	5	0	0

Overseers' Book.

1692—1726.

695. (Sir John Maynards Charity Six years in arrears, paid by Sir Paul Hitchcott [? Whichcote] and the amount is included in the years Receipts and Expenditure, one entry being)

* "In the great frost of 1683-4 the forest trees, and even the oaks, i England, were split by the frost; most of the hollies were killed, the hames was covered with ice 11 inches thick, and nearly all the birds erished. A fair was held on the Thames for nearly three months; bout fifty coaches ran on the Thames as upon dry land."—"Memo-inda of a Citizen."

Pd to severall poore people of ye parish out of ye gift of Sir Jno Maynard 5. 2. 0

(Total Recpt £30. 10. 11 Expended £30. 7. 5.)

Pd for a Robbery committed in our hundred upon John Ingram £2. 3. 0.

1697. Pd to ye hig Constable for Cherse Brief* 0. 7. 6.

1698.

Disbust ffor hanna Rance a horshiar - - 1 6
ffor a days worke a couch hiar and vittells - - 5 0
ffor a Days worke and strong water and the horshiar and the standing of my horse a couch hiar and vitells - - - - - - 6 7
ffor a flannell Shift and a Speting Pot and my horses Standing - - - - - - 5 10
Pd the Sistar of the Ward - - - - 2 2
Pd for a Pair of Shoes and mending a Pair - - 3 6
Mr. Scriven Paid at the Hospikle - - - 1 0
ffor 3 weeks Diet and Washing hur House - - 15 6

1699.

Pd to Richd Chandler high Constable for Charges of suite agt John Frampton on Pretence of Robbery 2 6 0

(Rate produced £47 . 12 . 6. Evidently a deal of poverty this year. Total Expenses £50 . 2 . 0. Receipts £48 . 3 . 11.)

1701. Disbursed £29 12 10.

(A note by the Justices at the end of the account.)

Memorandum That ye succeeding overseers of ye poor doe ye next yeare bring in a list of ye penshioners by themselves and their accounts by themselves.

1702. (This is the amended style of account.)

The account of John Midgee overseer of ye poore of the parish of Tooting for ye year 1702.

Penshioners.

Wido Wilson Pension from ye 17th of April 1702 till Decembr 14, 36 Weeks at 3 Shillings Pr Weeke - 5 8 0

* No trace of a Chertsey Brief near this date.

and 15 weeks at 2/- per Weeke - - -	1	10	0
Wido Bespitch 51 Weeks at 1/6 P^r^ Weeke - -	3	16	0
Tho Day from April y^e^ 13^th^ 3 Weeks at 1/- P^r^ Weeke - - - -		3	0
and 8 weeks at 1/6 P^r^ Weeke - - -		12	0
and 29 weeks at 2 Shill pr weeke - - -	2	18	0
W^m^ Ely from October y^e^ 12^th^ till March ye 29^th^ 1703 being 25 weeks att 1/6 pr weeke - - -	1	17	6
Other Disbursm^ts^			
P^d^ for the Warrant horsehire - - -		2	6
P^d^ John hausman* ale conner - - -		3	6
Gave W^m^ Ely at several times dureing his weakenesse before he went into ye hospitall - -		7	6
More for Two Shirts & nickclothes & capps & other things when he went into the hospital - -		14	6
P^d^ Sam^l^ Taylor for mending Wilsons house as by his Bill - - - - - -		7	6
P^d^ John Harwood for timber and worke at Wilsons house - - - - - -		4	3
Gave Tho Day when he went into the Hospital -		3	0
for two shirts & 2 Nickcloathes in the Hospital -		9	0
gave Wido Sander when sick - - -		1	0
gave Ely when in the hospital to buy him breeches -		2	0
Gave Tho Day in the hospital - - -		1	0
P^d^ Tho Shorey the tax for hannah Rances burying -		4	0
for p^r^ of indentures and a bond for Cooks Boy -		7	0
P^d^ Nicho Lynn old overseere - - -	1	8	6
P^d^ to the Wido Wilson to buy the Girls apron & other charges when she went to the Workhouse att London - - - - - -		10	8
P^d^ W^m^ Coregas ye Bill for Elys charges when he Caught his fall - - - - -	1	0	0
lent Ely 7/- to buy timb^r^ and rec^d^ 5/- out of Sir John Maynards gift - - - - -		2	0
P^d^ for the Coffin & other charges for Thos Day -		12	6
P^d^ Joseph Caustall by Order - - - -		15	0
for a Pair of Sheets for Ely - - - -		6	8
P^d^ Edward Deacon his Constables Bill - -		15	6
gave a Poore Woman Great with Child - -			6
P^d^ to several Poore Sir John Maynards gift by order	4	0	0

* John Harvey.

Pd Mr Brand for rent for the Poore due at lady day	4	0	0
Pd Edward Sares for rent for the Poore	3	0	0
delayments for ye Jews Empty house		3	9
for signing the accounts		2	0
	*36	9	4

The Accts of John Midgee Overseere of the poore for ye yeare 1702.

The said Parishioners Charges the said Overseere with Two Books† amounting to the sum of	38	10	3½
Recd more of Charles Lynton of Sir John Maynards Gift ye sum of four pounds in pt of Seven Pounds due at Midsumer last past being 20s pr Ann:	4	0	0
Recd of Mr Rice of Streatnam for Gravel		17	6
	43	7	9½

The said overseere charges the said parishioners with disbursements as appeares 36 . 9 . 4

Soe there Remains to pay the succeeding overseere 6 . 18 . 5½

Tooting the 13th of March 1703

The above account of John Midgee hath been perused and allowed and the Six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Five Pence we order the said Midgee to pay unto the next overseer.

Timo Turner.
Ja Bateman.

Jos Scriven Tho Man Isaac Brand Charles Leane John Couchman Edw Sares Charles Linton Will Skarle.

Signed by the Justices on the 27th of April, 1703.
Math Andrews Tho Lant.

1704. (An extract from Mr Deputy Scriven's will, here inserted in the book. It is quoted under the heading of Charities.)

* The auditors (if there were any) evidently did not consider it needful to call upon the overseers to pay the 1/- overcast in this account. † Two rates.

1706. Spent for a new Chimney and Carpenters work for John Francis 4 2 6

(Counsellor Masters received a fee of 10/-.)

1707. (An assessment at 9d in £ produced £24 . 13. 10.)

1711. (Several Boys are charged for, as being lodged at Wendsor Farm, at the rate of 3/- each per week. This is the earliest record in the Overseers books of the boarding out of pauper children.)

(Widow Jeffs had been married in the Fleet.* The parish paid 1/- to search for the record of the same.)

1713.

Pd for Medicine for ye children with ye Itch - 1 8

Pd for Schooling for ye Boy 40 weeks 2d - - 6 8

(Various small sums for Childrens Articles of Attire Charged this year)

1717.

Pd for Candles for the use of the Watch - - 2 0

Pd „ Coales for Ditto - - - - 7 9

1718.

Pd for a pair of Brecks for Wm Henshman† - - 2 6

Pd Gibson for keeping the child that was left in In this parish from the 13th of August to the 3d of October is 8 weeks at 3s per week - - - 1 4 0

Pd for Laying the Child at Gibsons - - - 0 0 6

* FLEET MARRIAGES.—The first notice of a Fleet marriage is in 1613, and the first entry in a register is 1674. Rooms were fitted up in the taverns of the Fleet, and in the Fleet parsons' houses, for the purpose of performing the ceremony. Registers were kept by the parsons who officiated, and a collection of these were bought by the Government in 1821, and is deposited in Somerset House. In 1753 these marriages were abolished, and on the day before the Act came into force, viz., March 26, 1754, there were 217 marriages entered in one register alone. Sir Walter Besant gives a vivid account of the Fleet in his novel, "The Chaplain of the Fleet." See Barnes' "History of Fleet Marriages," and John Ashton's "The Fleet; its River, Prison, and Marriages."

† This lad cost the parish a considerable sum for schooling, keep, and clothes.

P^d for a Cofen for the Child at Gibson's - - 0 3 6
P^d for fflanell to bury the Child at Gibson's - - 0 1 4
P^d for Bread and Bere for the Childs buerl - - 0 2 6
P^d for Deging the gravve ad Ringing the bell for the child at Gibson's - - - - 0 2 0

(Expenses of year £35. 15. 5. Rates (2) £34. 12. 0.)

1719.

P^d for 9 Bushels of Coales at 1/- per Bushel - 0 9 0
P^d for straw for a woman in y^e Watch house - 0 1 8
P^d Goody Bates for washing & cleaning the Woman & Children - - - - - - 0 1 6
P^d for Keeping her & her Children 4 weeks - 1 10 0

1720.

P^d Tho Archer for 12 badges for the Poore - - 0 4 0

1722.

P^d to Docter Parriott - - - - 1 13 0

1725. (Rate signed Palmerston)

P^d Mr Chalkhill one years rent for the Poores house - - - - - - 1 10 0

Expenses for year £41. 8. 4. Receipts £41. 1. 2.

(Note the following document is loose at the end of the book viz.—)

"Two the Churchwardens & overseers of y^e Poor of y^e parish of Tooten Graveny in y^e County of Surry & Two y^e Churchwardens & overseers of y^e poor of y^e parish of Hays In the County of Medellsex

Surry Js Whereas Complaint vpon oath is made vnto vz two of His Majestys Justices of y^e Peace for y^e Covnty of Surry (Quorm vnus) by y^e Churchwardens & overseers of y^e poor of the parish of Tooten Graveny in y^e parish afforesaid g^t Francies Reding y^e wife of Danile Reding & Francies, Eliz, Mary & Susanna Reding y^e children of the said Danile and Francies Reding his wife are intrued into their said parish & are become



Chargable & at this time Acteurley Relived by the said parish of Tooten Graveny aforesaid We ye said Justicesis, upon Examening yc primeses Doe find a Certifficate from ye Churchwardens & overseers of the poor of ye Parish of Hayes in ye Covnty of Midellsex owning & Acknowlidging Danile Reding and Francies Reding his wife to be their Inhabitents Legaly settleled with them in ye said Parish of Hayes in ye County of Midellsex aforesaid, we doe adjvdge ye same to be true and doe allso Adjudge yt the last place of the said Francies: Eliz: Mary: & Susanna: childern of ye said Danile & Francies Reding his wife, Last Legal Setellment is in ye Parish of Hayes in ye Covnty of Midellsex aforesaid.

)hn Heath (Seal) These are therefore in His Majestys name to command

)hn Man (Seal) You ye Churchwardens & overseers of the poor of ye parish of Tooten Graveney in ye Covnty of Surry, forthwith to Remove ye said Francies Reding ye wife of Danile Reding, with Francies, Eliz: Mary & Susannah reding from your Parish of Tooten Graveny to ye Parish of Hayes in ye County of Midellsex and deliver them to the Churchwardens and overseers of the Poor of ye Parish of Hayes or some of them Together with the Precept or a True Copy Heareofe, who are Hereby required to Receive & Provide for them as their Inhabetints Legaly Setteled with them in there said Parish of Hayes in the County of Midellsex aforesaid, hearof faile not. Given vnder our Hands and Seales this 2nd Day of December 1727."

(NOTE. The overseers' accounts, 1725, have the following payments in connection with this order:)

P[d] for Goody Reding & her four children provisions nursing & fireing 20 days - - - - 01 17 10
P[d] for a man & Cart 2 Horses and a Poor Woman that carried them to Hayes in Meddx - - 01 02 06

Overseers' Book of Accounts.

1757—1766

1757. (1/- in the £ rate for ½ year produced £46. 2.)
B[t] a pece of flannell to put round a child that was found dead to bury in - - - - 1 0
P[d] for Mr Tugey too woman to sitt up with him sick & helpless & coles & nesseries for a fortnight - - - - - - 10 6
P[d] for examination of Mrs Collyers Cook - - 1 0
for getting her Cloths out of pawn - - - 2 3 4
(The Years expenses - - - - 90 11 4½)

1758. (Receipts £118. 15. 6. Expenses £117. 8. 10½. Rate 2/6 in £.)

1759. (Receipts £164. 18. 0. Exes. £147. 5. 11½. Rate 3/6 in £.)

1764. (Receipts £143. 5. 0. Exes. £133. 15. 6. Rate 2/3 in £.)

Overseers' Book.

1774—1777.

The accounts in this book are very imperfectly kept, but are regularly sworn before the Justices.

1774. Lord Trimleston assessed on £30. Morgan Rice, house on common empty. Rev. Mr. Lee assessed on £23. Rev. Mr. Wilton assessed on £36.

Paid Mr. Gover for a pair of shoes for young Powell, 3s. 6d. Jane Gibson, for carrying Inclif's child to churchyard, 1s. Paid for making one shift, 8d. Paid for mutton, Betty Webb, 6d. Paid for clothing young Powell, 14s. 6d. Paid Gray* for burying Inclif's child, 2s. 6d. Expenses to

* Parish clerk.

London to arrest Taylor for a bastard child sworn by Mary Wisdom, 11s. 7½d. Paid Mr. Rice by order of Vestry on account of seizing a one-horse chair belonging to Mr. Rogers, £10 10s. (see Vestry, p 75).

6. Rev. Mr. Bowden assessed at £24. Expenses of taking Thos. Webb for a child sworn to him by Hannah Chitty, 9s. 6d. Midwife, 5s. Expenses at Sessions, 5s. License to marry Webb and Chitty, £1 6s. 6d. Expenses of attending the marrying of ditto, £1 2s. 6d. Expenses of marrying Henry Knee to Ann Giblin, £1 18s. Breeches, coat and waistcoat for C. Gibbling, 10s.

SUMMARY OF OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT BOOK.

1777—1786.

he first half-year the rate at 1s. in the £ brought 95 16s., and the next half-year £94 4s. 6d. Among items of expense are: Expenses of binding Sarah st apprentice, 7s. 6d. Expenses apprehending and rying Thos. Green to Elizabeth Betts, £5 15s. A -book, 2s. 6d. Clothing Thos. Ansell, £2 2s., and ing him apprentice, 15s. 6d. Joseph Willson's riage with Ann Herbert, £2 10s. 6d. Inwood's family ch seems to have been at Croydon, and passed here, then taken in a cart to Streatham), total cost, in- ing fee for counsel, £22 13s. 6d.—an expensive pauper. Overseers on the two rates, in spite of £23 16s. 11d. nce from previous year, are £23 17s. 5d. behind- l, having only as assets £11 7s. 6d. uncollected. e of this amount, Lord Trimleston's, to wit, was an -assessment. To meet this deficit, the next year the was 2s. 9d. in the £, 1s. 6d. the first and 1s. 3d. the nd half-year. Wm. Edditor gets into some trouble, ıe Overseers and constable take him to the bench, at st of 7s. 6d. Dr. Chiddenton is paid his account of And in both 1778 and 1777, Mr. Gover receives

£10 10s. by order of the Vestry. In 1779 the rate was 2s. 6d. in £. £12 was received from the Overseers of West Clandon on account of expenses of Barstin's family. 1780. The rate 2s. 9d. in the £. £14 1s. 5d. paid to St. Thomas's Hospital. £20 5s. to the apothecary. The attorney, £4 9s. 6d. Loringe, £10 10s. (paid Overseer). They spent £7 2s. 6d. on Mary Peters' child, and to recover this expended £2 11s. 10d. going after George Robinson, its father, and recovered £7 7s. from him. 1781. Rate, 2s. 9d. in the £. Dr. Allen's tithe is valued at £60. Another £12 is received from West Clandon, and £15 12s. from Merton, on account of Edditor (see *ante*). Bills are paid Mr. Mason for Hart (see p. 81), £36 14s. 11d. 1782. Rate, 3s. Mr. Mason, the attorney, £37. The rate was worth £359 18s. 1783. Rate, 3s. Paid "Humphreys' bill for a man that had an accident in Garratt Lane." £2 13s. (surcharged to Streatham parish). 1784. Rate, 5s. in £. Insurance on poor house, £1 2s. 6d. Serving four subpœnaes, 4s. Still trouble over Edditor and Inwood. £1 0s. 6d. spent in going after the first, and £3 10s. on his trial. Paid for digging of gravel, £4 4s. 6d. Macklin, for lying-in and clothes, £2 15s. This rate was heavy in consequence of the building of the poor-house. The amount expended in the ordinary way was £293 16s. 10d., the rate bringing in £626 16s. 6d. The details of the cost of the poor-house will be found in the Poor-house Chapter; enough here to say it cost £358 10s. 9d.

1785.

Disbursements for Thomas Palmer:	£	s.	d.
52 Weeks Board @ 7/- - - - -	18	18	0
To a Coat 10/- To Breeches 14/- - -	1	4	0
To a Pick Axe 5/6 To Washing & Mending 2/6/6 - - - - - -	2	12	0
To 52 Weeks Bear 18/- To a Shovell 4/6 -	1	2	6
To a Window 1/- To Second Hand Breeches 7/6		8	6
	24	5	0

SUMMARY OF OVERSEERS' BOOK OF ACCOUNTS.

1793—1798.

In 1793 a rate at 1s. 6d. in £ brought in £238 2s. The expense of removing Mary Hall to Newmarket was £6 6s. Work done in the workhouse brought in £18 4s. 3½d. Paid 4s. 6d. for three christenings. Richard Osgood and family removed to Cheam at a cost of £1 6s. 6d. 1795. Expenses at the Rising Sun at passing of Overseers' accounts, 9s. For a shirt and stockings for James Tirrell, 6s. 7d. For nine bushels of potatoes, 18s. Expenses at the Rising Sun, £1 1s. Expense of a hackney coach from St. Luke's to Tooting, £2 2s. Paid for 372 hundred (*sic*) of cabbage plants, 3s. 6d. Expenses on Easter Tuesday, £1 1s. 1797. Expenses of Coroner's inquest, £1 7s. Crier on 5th of November forbidding the use of fireworks, 1s. Paid a man with one eye, 2s.

POORS RATE (OVERSEERS') BOOK.

1801—1824.

1801. Pd Xmas and Easter Vesteris £2. 11. 0.

1802. 3/6 in £ produced £636. 10. 6. Robert Bellon was Master of the Workhouse. Thread and Tape for use in Workhouse £1. 12. 6.

1803. Shirts and Breeches at Miller's Sale for the house, £4. 6. 0.

1804. The Rate produced £661. 16. 6d., the rental value having increased.

1805. A Rate of 1s. 4d. in the pound for finding men for the additional force raised £222. 16. 0. (This was the year Buonaparte prepared to invade England.) Cost of John Hatt's wedding, £4. 14. 6. Spruce Beer, 8s. 6d. Beer for Workhouse, £1. 9. 0½. (In spite of the wave of patriotism which covered the land, the defaulters in the "Defence" rate

amounted to £33.) The work done by the people in the House amounted to £9 10s. 8d., after deducting the matron's salary. Beer for the House, £2. 15. 7¾. Faggots, £2. 2. 0.

1806. A Rate of 5/- in £ produced £1203. 4. 7.

1807. A Rate of 3/- in £ „ £585. 3. 0.
P^d^ Coroners Jury at the Plow, £1. 10. 0. Ditto for Molyneux, £1. 1. 0.

1808. A Rate of 5/6 in £ produced £1095. 10. 6d.
Trery and Gibson are paid £2. 9s. od. for examining the Weights and Balances.

1810. A Rate of 5/- in £ produced £1189. 10. 0. (A number of names appear as not having paid their rates, but a note at the side explains that "every one of these persons have accounts against the parish.") John Ravenhill signs the rate book for the first time, also W^m^. Houghton, as vestry clerk and Churchwarden, Walter Lord, Ch:Warden, Robert Hicks, late Overseer, John Hodge and James Waller, Overseers for 1811. (This is a return, after long disusage, to the good old style of signing the Overseers' accounts. It is to be noted that for some years the Justices have not signed the accounts. Those compiling local histories owe great thanks to the parishioners who revived the signing of parish documents.)

1811. Beer account £25. 9. 0. £10. 3. 8. £24. 10. 0. Gin £2. 10. 0., and with other accounts £207. 8. 7. due to Tradesmen at Easter, when the new Overseers took up the work. Jane Wright was Mistress. P^d^ John Gover and W^m^ Houghton for taking population (census) £6. 4. 0.

1812. The Plumb family leave the village. The poor rate was 5/6 = £1380. 6. 6.

1813. Two Soldiers Wifes (*sic*) passes from Tooting to Dorking 11/4.

1814. The Overseers went to Guildford 2 Days at a cost of £8. 16. 10.

1815. A Coroners Inquest on James Waller p^d £1. 1. 0. (Overseer in 1811.) The inmates of the House earned £35. 7. 2. for the parish.

1816. Marchant receives £19. 19. 0. as Overseer under the head of Salaries, and £15 for extra service. (A curious entry follows :) Expenses to Sutton Kent including Coach hire to and from London for Churchwardens signatures to notices, £1. 2. 0. (The Wardens were Walter Lord and W. Doolan.) P^d R. G. Thomas for furze £2. 15. 0. and £1 for cartage. David Dukes was paid 4/- a month for seeing to the garden of the poor house. The rate this year at 4/6 in £ produced £1154. 14. 0.

1817. £15. 18. 0. spent on Surveying, and £2. 5. 0. for meeting the Streatham parish officers going their bounds. 52 weeks pension at 12/- and £7. 7. 0. for extras paid to Eliz. Brett and refunded by the parish of Thorley. (Evidently this parish had a much higher scale of relief than we did, or the circumstances were somewhat different.) Marchant gets £15 extra pay.

1818. Marchant's salary fixed at £30 a year, a saving to the parish of £4. 19. 0. on previous years. The County Rate had grown to £65. 5. 6. It was £11. 13. 4. in 1802. (Between 1812 and 1832 the pauperism in the county was a great burden upon the taxes, and threatened to ruin this country.) Thorley pays £47. 3. 0. on a/c of Mary Brett. The paupers earned £30. 0. 3. The Justices signed the balance sheet.

1819. Tea at Sutton coming from Reigate 2/-. P^d for Cloth for great coats £6. 4. 6. Scarlet Cloth for collars 2/6. Buttons 2/-. Making 3 great coats 10/6. Paid for Staves 3/-. Painting and whitening

ditto 19/6. County Rate £87. 0. 8. Dinner at Christmas (The Angel) £4. 9. 8. An item which hardly explains itself is: "Exes two days to Stratford with Horse and Cart, including 12/- for



THE ANGEL (PULLED DOWN 1889).

Constables, 9/- for Marriage fees, £1. 7. 6. for Wedding Dinner, and Man in Custody at Stratford =3. 6. 11." Marriage portion of —— £5. The Thorley pensioner receives £33. 12. 0. (She had

a family, as shoes for her children are included.) Work done in the Poor House £42. 2. 3.

1820. Pd Wandsworth Constables 7/6 for suppressing Gambling in Public Houses.

1821. Dr. Ravenhill receives Funeral fees 19/6. County Rate £130 11 0. Paid 2/6 for Publishing Banns between R. Squire and S. Quinter. 1/6 ditto J. Everett and H. Gibson. 14/2 to Jno. Groves "to pay Interest and take Cloathes out of pawn."

1822. Esther Sissons, Mistress of the poor House. Paid Butterworth for supplement to Burn* 17/-. Marchant gets £10 extra = £40.

1823. Overseers Salary £40. Pd quota of expenses in petitioning Parliament for an alteration of the law of Settlements 19/7. The new Poor Law Act was passed in 1834.

Overseers Accounts.

1824—1838.

As during the greater portion of this period the workhouse was in use, this book refers chiefly to the expenses incurred by the overseers in regard to that institution:

1824.

The Provision account was - - -	318	6	10
Clothing - - - - - -	44	7	8
Repairs - - - - - -	10	16	1
Salaries - - - - - -	121	18	8
Hospitals - - - - - -	23	8	0
Burials - - - - - -	10	2	6
Removals and Court fees - - - -	17	19	1
Sundries - - - - - -	172	18	8
Pensioners - - - - - -	260	17	6
† „ to be repaid - - - -	10	11	0
Casual Relief - - - - -	101	12	0
Passes unknown poor - - - -	9	12	11
	1,120	17	11

* Burn's "Justice of the Peace."

† By other parishes.

£66 was due to the overseer on this account.

Work done by Inmates £33 . 18 . 3

1825.		
	The cost of Poor Relief was	- 1,221 9 8
	Work done by Inmates	- 29 3 4
	Deficit	- 87 4 6
1826.		
	The cost was	- 1,401 9 2
	Work done by Inmates	- 18 7 4
	Deficit	- 17 10 10
1827.		
	The cost was	- 1,296 5 10
	Work done by Inmates	- 12 19 7
	Balance to credit	- 4 1 0
1828.		
	The cost was	- 1,317 14 10
	Work done by Inmates	- 8 4 0
	Deficit	- 72 10 5
1829.		
	The cost was	- 1,622 10 1
	Work done by Inmates	- 4 1 8
	Deficit	- 55 17 2
1830.		
	The cost was*	- 1,746 6 2½
	Work done in House	- 4 0
	Deficit	- 148 5 11½
1831.		
	The cost was†	- 2,057 2 5½
	Work done in House	- 1 3 4
	Deficit‡	- 149 8 3
1832.		
	The cost was§	- 2,029 9 2
	Work in House	- 8 7 8
	Deficit	- 61 19 6

* Includes £52 advanced to the Highway Surveyors for the employment of the poor.

† ncludes £202 paid to the same body.

‡ Justices disallowed overseers' salary (£40, no voucher), and £4 for a Christmas dinner.

§ £88 10s. 0d. to surveyors.

1833.					
	The cost was*			1,782	0 3
	Work in House			9	15 10
	Deficit			92	2 11
1834.					
	The cost was			1,382	10 7
	Work in House			18	0 2
	Balance			136	10 6½
1835.					
	The cost was			1,198	11 5½
	Work done in House			20	5 3
	Balance			71	12 5
1836.					
	Expenses were†			787	9 10
	Work done in House			4	1 7
	Balance			52	6 2
1837.					
	Receipts Balance‡			52	6 2
	Rate and odd Receipts			216	14 6
				269	0 8
	By Treasurer of Union	80 0 0			
	Met: Police	95 11 9			
	Constable Bill	1 0 0			
	Magistrates Expenses	3 14 6			
	Poor House accounts	10 13 1			
	Sundries	3 10 3			
				194	9 7
	Balance in Hand			74	11 1

The next quarter reduced this to a deficit of £60, and here, having entered upon the present system of Poor Law, we leave the subject, remarking that for the year ending Lady Day, 1896, the receipts for poor rates were £2557. 7. 8, and expenses £2737. 18. 5, thus reducing the balance in hand.

* Marchant received three year's salary.

† The poor were removed after the first quarter of the official year, viz., April to June, to Streatham workhouse.

‡ First quarter of the official year only given as a specimen of the new style of account.



Overseers' Books.

1839—1847.

This book is merely a copy of the Overseers' accounts, and records the rates received by them and their payments to the Guardians; and, being modern, has no special value from an historical point of view.

Auditors' Minute Book.

Tooting, July 9, 1835. At a meeting of the Auditors of accounts of this parish, this evening, the following accounts of the Overseers were examined and found correct:

John Piper, Bread, etc.	12	9	6
J. G. Smith, Drapery	6	7	0
P. Jones, Butter and Soap	4	11	2
E. Jinks, Bricklayer	8	6	9
R. C. Davis, Wine for Sick		6	0
Miss Clarke, for Bonnets		9	0
F. Millard, Earthenware		11	0
Thos. Hicks, Beer	5	1	3
Danl. Norris, Ironmongery		7	0
Wm. Winders, Chandlery	6	3	7
A. Lomas, Sundries for Poor House	2	14	4
John Barnett, Milk	1	14	5
Hy. Collier, Clothing	5	7	5

William Sambrook's account was deferred for inquiry, he having charged for articles not written in his book at the time of delivery.

Samuel Prentice's account being wrong cast in twenty-five instances, was directed to be returned to him to make out a corrected account.

The vouchers for the two payments made to the Exchequer Bill Loan Commissioners by the late Churchwardens were produced and examined. The Vestry Clerk was desired to write to Mr. W. J. Tilley respecting his account against the Churchwardens for repairing the engine, and state that the auditors, on examining his estimate, considered that he had included every requisite

required to put the engine in complete repair, and (they) could not therefore sanction the payment of any additional amount.

The account of Mr. John Gray, for tuning the Organ and sundry alterations and additions thereto, was read and the Vestry Clerk was requested to wait upon Mr. Thomas and request him to certify as to the correctness of the items and charge, as Mr. Watkinson, the late Churchwarden, said he knew nothing about it, and the Auditors take leave to suggest it would be an improvement if orders were given in future by the concurrence and in the names of both Churchwardens.

W. HOUGHTON, Vestry Clerk.

July 29, 1835.

Mr. Thomas having certified that the account of Mr. Gray was correct, it was signed. Amount £28 7s. 0d.

Mr. W. J. Tilley having given a satisfactory reason for his bill exceeding his estimate, it was signed. Amount £27 10s. 2d.

Samuel Prentick and Wm. Sambrook having delivered corrected accounts, the same were signed.

W. HOUGHTON, Vestry Clerk.

In 1836 we find that W. Winder's account for pork, £1 0s. 7½d. was referred back to be reduced to 18s. 5½d., *i.e.*, 6½d. per lb. The Auditors also suggest that books be kept for all articles delivered to the Poor-house; also that it would be more satisfactory to the parish if the regulation of December 16, 1833, be complied with, and a price named when an order be given. Also that all the meat supplied for the mistress be had of the contractors, and that all articles for the Poor-house be procured of the shopkeepers.

Signed, R. OBBARD,
D[l]. NORRIS,
Thos. WATKINSON, } Auditors.
W. HOUGHTON, Vestry Clerk.

CHAPTER VI.

SURVEYORS' BOOK.

1654—1722.

THE opening entry of this book reads as follows:

Tootting Graveney | An Assesment made the 11th of may 1654* according to an ordinance from the Lord Protector datted 31th of march 1654* for the repairinge the Highwayes.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sir John Mainarde	01	02	00	Nickolas Stone -	00	02	4
Collonell Hardwick	00	07	03	Nickolas Barker -	00	01	0
Mr Dudson - -	00	08	09	Thomas Rechardes	00	01	9
Mr Couchman -	00	06	5	John Jues† - -	00	02	7
Capt[a] Brome -	00	03	0	Widdow Medgwicke - -	00	02	6
Mr Endebrooke -	00	02	06				
Mr Couldham -	00	03	06				
Mrs Coulcraft -	00	05	0	Nickolas Linn -	00	01	9
Charles Allen -	01	13	6	Phillip Michill -	00	02	0
Edmonde Seares -	00	18	9	Edward Elderfeald	00	02	2
Mr Mainard -	00	17	6	Widdow Bushell -	00	01	3
Mr Coulston -	00	04	6	John Willson -	00	01	6
Mr Longe - -	00	04	4	John Sandam -	00	00	10
Widdow Couchman - - -	00	02	9	John Buckingham	00	00	6
Mr. Newton -	00	00	9	William Godman -	00	00	8
Robert Linn -	00	08	10	William Lonen -	00	01	4
Humphry Pledge -	00	03	4	Outlots			
William Roades -	00	02	0	Thomas Smith -	00	03	3
John Steavens -	00	02	10	Phillip Russell -	00	03	7
John Acham -	00	04	10	This side -	00	18	10
Widdow Dix -	00	02	0	The other side	08	18	09
John Bunnyon -	00	01	7				
Thomas Olliver -	00	01	6	The whole assessment is - -	09	17	07
Abraham Jues† -	00	01	2				

* Really written 2654 both times. † Ives.

An account of what money John Couchman received f his disbursements as follows:

p^d to Edward Puplett for new arching y^e Town's Bridge	002	18	06
p^d Thomas Richards for posts and rails for y^e Bridge	000	06	06
p^d Exxpended for Beere To y^e Laborers and Carpenters	000	03	01
p^d y^e Justices Clerke for Synging y^e warrant	000	00	06
p^d for 3 Loads of Gravill out of y^e common fields	000	01	06
p^d Mr Maynard for carriage of 3 Loads of Gravill	000	01	06
p^d Mr Maynard for carriage of 25 Loads of Gravill for y^e common at 10^d	001	00	10
p^d John Batchelor and for dyging of 27 Loades of Gravill	000	09	00
p^d John Acham for dyging of fifty Loades of Gravill	000	19	00
p^d Thos Olliver & his sonne for a dayes work	000	02	06
p^d Lonen for a dayes work	000	01	06
p^d Sir John Maynard for carryage of 11 loades of Gravill at 10^d	000	09	02
p^d to Charles Allen for carryage of 34 loades of Gravill at 10^d	001	08	04
p^d Edward Sayers for Carriage of 20 Loades at 10^d per Loade	000	16	08
p^d to Severall Laborers for Speading y^e Gravill	000	04	02
Paied out	009	02	09
Rest in Mr Couchmans hands	000	14	10
Ballance	009	17	07

556. (Rowland Gawen, minister, signs the book.)

560. (Joshua Gearing, the Nonconformist, signs the Surveyors' Book.)

561. (Written 1662. Sir John Maynard drops out, and Lady Maynard is inserted instead in the Assessment List.)

563. (Richard Bickly signs the book as Rector.)
(Sir William Bolton assessed.)

565. (John Hebdon, Esq., assessed.)

566-7. (Sir Wm. Boulton, "Present Lord Mayor," assessed, but he did not pay the 1667 rate.)

1672. (Lady Maynard disappears from the Rate-book.)

1673. (The Right Hon. Lord Grey,* of Rolleston appears.)
(During the whole of these accounts charges are continually made for "Bread & Beer.")

1675. Goodman Ansell for going to London by Water and Charges 01 02

1677. (The Right Hon. Lord North* appears.)

1678.

for Half a Load of Lime	-	-	-	-	04	00
for bringing it home	-	-	-	-	04	00
for a 1000 of Bricks	-	-	-	-	13	00
for bringing them home	-	-	-	-	08	00
for Load of Sand	-	-	-	-	01	00
P[d] Samuel Tayler 6 Days work		-	-	-	12	00
p[d] Samuel Tayler for plaistering the Curb of the Well					00	06
p[d] Archer for 1 Days Work for Cleaning it			-	-	01	00
fetching the planks and posts from Croydon			-	-	02	06
p[d] John Wilson for fastening them on the Well				-	03	00
p[d] for Bread and Beer about the Towns Well			-	-	03	06
p[d] at Several Times for ditto when the Carts worked			-		23	00

1679. (The Right Hon. North & Grey* appears.)

1682. (Sir Paul Whichcote appears. John Banckham, who receives 01 . 00 for a days work, was about this Time overseer for the Poor and could not sign his name.)

1682. John Couchman having a balance in hand is requested to pay what is owing to ffrancis Pledge Surveyor in 1681.

1684. (Robert Bayly, Curate, signs the Rate.)

1685. (George Berkeley, Rector, signs the Rate.)

1687. (Timo. Turner signs as Rector.)

1688. (Edw. Elliott, having ten pounds in his hands is to give it to Widdow Banckham. There are no accounts for Banckham's year, 1683.)

1689. We whose names are underwritten do find there is due from Thomas Jeff Six days of work for his

* 1673-7-9. Lord North, Lord Grey, and Lord North & Grey is one person. See Biographies.

Team and Three Shillings for Three Days from William Oades which if they refuse to satisfy wee appoint to be returned to the Sessions. (Here follow signatures.)

)0. (The Right Hon. Lady North is assessed.)

)4. (John Coldham is described as Alderman.)

)6. ([Deputy] Joseph Scriven appears in the assessment.)

)8. (Sir James Bateman, Knight, appears in the assessment.)

Item Paid at Putney at the Nags Head - -	0	02	00

)9. (Money seems to have been scarce, for work was given instead of cash.)

Item, for bread and Beer at the alehouses -	2	00	00
Item for the Surveyors Oaths - - -	00	02	00

00. (Edward Sares and Will Scarles pay their rate by lending their teams, others by work varying from 1 to 6 days, the rest by cash.)

Item work at the Town Well - - -	00	06	00
Item Receipts of rate - - - - -	7	4	0
Expenses - - - - - -	5	11	6
Balance - - - - -	1	12	6

01. (An interesting document. The Bricklayer's Bill for the Parish in September, 1701 :)

for making a New Bridge - - - -			
for repairing the Old bridge - - -	0	7	6
for three days work - - - -			
for 25 tyles for y^e^ Bridges - - - -	0	0	6
Total sum - - - - -		8	0

02. (26 posts, 121 loads of gravel, and 10 of stone used by the surveyors. Only 6/7½ spent for drink.)

)4. (2/6 spent on mending the well and the bridge at the pond. 229 loads of gravel used.)

1709. (Out of a total expenditure of £7. 6. 10½, £2. 11. 6½ was for bread and beer. Labour, 1/-. The rest was labour instead of cash payments.)

1710. Item Mending Bridge £1 . 4 . 4 Bread & Beer £2 . 9 . 0 Mr. Midgee for writing the names down in the book 2/6

1713. (240 Loads of Gravell used at a cost of £5 . 6 . 3 Bread & Beer £2 . 1 . 0.)

1715. Agreeded at a Generall Meeting of the Parrish for all Inmates to pay to ye King's highwayes

For laying and fitting a Trunke at the Common Fields Gate - - 000 04 00

Item Mending the draine at Willson's dore - - - - 000 05 00

1718. (One first meets with detainments, or non-payment of the rate, afterwards called uncollected. Sir James Bateman's name appears for the last time.)

1719. (His son, Squire Bateman, appears instead.)*

1724. (John Lidgould, Curate, signs.)

Surveyors' Book.

1724—1760.

1724. (The amount of the rate was £8. 17. 0 in cash. Teams were supplied by three parishioners, Wm. Bignall, 12 days, Thos. Chalkhill, 6 days, and Thos. Sheppard, 6 days. Those working on the roads in part payment of their rates @ 1/- per day represented 83 days.)

The expenses of the year were

Surrey, 1724. Disbursements of W^m^ Bignall, surveyor for y^e^ parish of Tooting:

* James, second son of Sir James Bateman, was Highway Warden, 1721-22. See letter from him on pp. 56, 57, in reference to the chancel built by his late father.

P[d] Rich[d] Wood Bricklayer for doing y[e] arch by y[e] Town Pond - - - - -	01	09	07
p[d] Thos Sheppard for poses* and work don to y[e] arch - - - - - -	00	10	00
p[d] John Giblen for poses - - - -	00	03	00
p[d] for carrying gravall to y[e] arch - - -	01	09	00
p[d] for 126 Lode of gravell at 4[d] per Lode -	02	02	00
p[d] for Bread and Beer - - - -	02	00	00
p[d] for a new Book - - - -	00	04	00
p[d] for pressntments - - - -	00	04	00
p[d] for a warrent - - - - -	00	02	00
	08	03	07

John Lidgould Curate.

Jno. Midgee, Richard Wheatland, John Creasy, Thos Shepherd.

Surr[e] Ss. This Acc[t] of Receipts & Disbursements of Mr W[m] Bignell & Mr John Morley Survey[rs] of Tooting was seen & allowed by us his majesties Justice (*sic*) of the Peace and there remaineth due to the present Surveyor[s] thirteen shillings & five pence w[ch] wee order the succeeding Survey[rs] to pay.† Given under our hands this 11[th] day of January 1724.

JOHN MAN.
JOHN ESSINGTON.

0. (Breakfasts for labourers and carters charged.)
2. (N. Brady signs Rate as Rector.)
3. (Rate produced - - - 13 02 00)
(99 Days' work and 15 Days' Team work done.

£13. 19. 7 was expended. 3 Carts for one day cost £1. 10. 0. Ambrose Shelton was paid £1. 2. 3 for gravel and furze.

This account is signed Palmerston.‡)

Posts.

Slight error on the part of the Justices' clerk, as will be seen by account.

Henry Temple, first Baron Temple and Viscount Palmerston, t-grandfather of the famous statesman. Title extinct, 1865.

1735. (John Man signs as J.P.)

1737. (Roger Rogers, who had been in poor circumstances, re-chosen Ale-conner.)

(It is noticeable that although "Rogger" Rogers could act as Ale-conner, he could not always pay his rates, and so was excused. Probably they thought they could do without his share towards the exchequer easier than obtain another good judge of ale.)

1738. Item to Mr Twelves the Sheriffs Officer his fee for bringing a warrant of distress upon an Indictment against the parish 6/8.

Item to Charges taking an Indictment upon ye parish £1 . 12 . 0.

(NOTE. These legal expenses prevented the parish having a balance in its favour.)

1739. (Sundry persons that have not paid to this account being poor, £1. 4. 0. Cost of Horse and Cart per Day, 2/6. Expenditure over income, £5. 19. 0.)

1746. (Received £20. 14. 0. Expended £20. 13. 11.)

1747. (Received £22. 13. 0. Expended £32. 4. 5.)

(Rate signed by Edward Gibbon.*)

(335 loads of gravel used.)

(Peter Hammond appears as assessed for the first time, three-quarters of a year.)

1748. John Griffith† (Gardener), Edward Kempton (Shopkeeper), Jno. Watcham (Bricklayer), Samuel Danes (Carpenter), were nominated for the office of Headborough.

(Thos. Vincent signs the rate as Curate.)

* Father of the historian, a county gentleman living at Putney. His father was a very able financier who, in spite of losing a fortune over the South Sea Bubble, made another before his death.

† Selected by the Justices.

49. (Joseph Salvador and John Porter each gave [voluntary] 10/6 towards the rate.)
(Thos. Barrow signs the rate as Curate.)
50. (John Porter paid 12/- extra.)
51. Sam Jarvis, journeyman Carpenter
Rich^{d} Wheatly, Collar Maker
W^{m} Grover, Mealman
W^{m} Betts, Baker
(Such are the descriptions of the four unsuccessful candidates for the office of Headborough.)
52. (Francis Salvador gave £3 towards the rate. The highest assessment was 9s.)
(Sir John Kemp, Bart., appears; hitherto he has been John Kemp, Esq.)
53. (Wandsworth and Merton Lanes mentioned as having been repaired.)
54. (Thomas Plumb appears as assessed for three-quarters of a year, but in 1755 he is described as Samuel Plumbe.)
(Morgan Rice* rated half a year.)
57. (Morgan Rice signs the Rate, and we have three men now attending the Vestry who were closely allied in parish affairs for years, viz., Morgan Rice, Peter Hammond, and Samuel Plumbe. The value of the duty done, £3. Too poor to pay £4. 12s. 0. Total collected in cash, £17 3.)
60. W. Betts and James Brown did not pay their rates, being written off as Militia Men. (The list of defaulters on the rate very heavy.)

[illegible] Morgan Rice, who was a distiller by trade, took more than a [illegible]sing interest in the parish, supplying historical notes of the manor [illegible]the compilers of the various histories of the county published about [illegible]s time.

Surveyors of Highways Book.

1811—1824.

1811.		
	The Rate produced at 6d in £ - - -	£152 9 0
	Spent in Labour on the Roads - - -	80 8 0
	Spent on Lamps - - - - -	12 19 3
	Spent on the Pump - - - -	7 0 0
1813.		
	Spent on the Pump - - - -	1 9 6
	Spent on 426 Loads of Gravel - - -	81 13 2
	Digging and Carting Gravel - - -	16 16 0
1814.		
	Spent on Repairs to Pump - - -	16 0
	„ „ Conveyance of the Green to Parish* -	22 19 0
1817.		
	A Rate at 7d in £ brought in - - -	191 15 0
1820.		
	Spent on Repairing Pump - - -	10 9
1821.		
	A Rate at 8½d in £ - - - -	201 6 6
	Spent on a Copy of McAdam on Roads† -	5 6
	„ „ Lamp Oil - - - -	14 5 6
	„ „ Surveyor's Guide 5/6 Act. 2/3 - -	7 9

1823. The Justice of the Peace, George Tritton, disallowed 12/- paid to W. Whale, and £1. 4. 0 paid to W. Skinner, and surcharged this sum to Mr. Bicknell, one of the surveyors.

List of Tools belonging to the parish:

7 Wheelbarrows.	1 Ladder.
1 Rake.	2 Oil Cans.
1 Burning Iron.	1 Burner.

6 Road Lamps.

* See Hicks' Enclosure, Vestry-books, p. 88.

† John MacAdam published an Essay upon Road-making in 1819, having practised it in Ayrshire. He prescribed stones to be broken to six ounces in weight, and the use of clean flints and granite clippings. He received £10,000 from Parliament, was appointed Surveyor-General of the Metropolitan roads in 1827, and died in 1836.

1824. 9 Barrows. 7 Mud hoes.
2 Hammers. 4 Shovels.
2 Sieves. 1 Rake.
2 Pickaxes. 21 Square Lamps.
4 Round Lamps. 2 Oil Cans.
1 Burner. 1 Ladder.

Surveyors of Highways.

1825—1839.

1826.

P[d] Joseph Booth for the Fountain - - -	6	11	3

1827.

P[d] Mending Pump and Gates - - -		10	0

1828.

P[d] Rob[t] Nunn Pump - - - - -	13	10	0

1831.

Paid for Labour - - - - - -	358	8	9
Received from the Overseers towards the Employment of the poor - - - - - -	220	10	0

1832. (The Surveyors had to pay heavy bills left unpaid by those of 1831.)

1833.

The Value of Horse & Cart in lieu of cash was -		13	6
Two horses & cart - - - - - -		18	0

(Rateable value, £5767. 0. 0.)

1834. (R. Obbard, D[l] Norris, T. Watkinson sign as Auditors.)

1837. (Rateable value, £6283.)

At this point we leave the Highway Surveyors' Books. In the year 1855 the Act for the Better Local Management of the Metropolis, 18, 19 Vic., Cap. 120, was passed, and Tooting-Graveney, instead of looking after its own highways, was joined to the Wandsworth District Board of Works, sending three members to that body. The elected Vestry formed by the same Act had the power of electing these representatives.



CHAPTER VII.

BOOK OF EXAMINATIONS, 1765 TO 1818.

THIS is the only book I can find dealing with Examinations before the Justices as to Settlements (legal proof of residence in a parish which entitles a pauper to claim relief from such parish) and Bastards, and in extracting it care has been taken, as far as possible, to give the points of interest without reproducing its lengthy formalities.

A person has a right of settlement by reason of his birth, until some other later right is proved. By marriage a woman immediately acquires the settlement of her husband, but if he has none, she falls back upon her maiden settlement. If a person be bound apprentice by an indenture, and resides forty days under such indenture, or should he reside three years in a parish, or be rated to the poor on a rental of not less than £10, and pays his own taxes, or if he acquire an estate, however small, he obtains a settlement. Unless a pauper has obtained a settlement in a parish, he can be compulsorily removed to the one where he last had a settlement. If, however, a pauper has resided a year in a parish or union where he becomes destitute, he cannot be removed. When a parish desires to get rid of a pauper they must take him before two justices of the peace for an order. In regard to the other examinations recorded in this book little need be

said beyond the fact that as the parish had to provide for these children, they desired the future mothers to disclose the names of the fathers so that they could be proceeded against by the overseers of the parish. The following persons were examined as to their settlements, unless otherwise stated:

1765-6. John Ellis, James Young, Robt. French, Will. Painter, John Nicholls, Wm. Bayton, Thomas Young, John Gilbard, Geo. Adamson,* Thomas Triggs, Richd. Goddard. 1767. Ann Pink,† Thomas Eades,‡ John Lemay, Wm. Steel, Ambrose Kimber, James Invill, Mary Nash (*re* Henry Calmour, son of Joseph and Eleanor Calmour, given her to nurse; the father had disappeared); Phillip Haydon (makes oath that Wm. Steele of Mitcham did assault beat and bruise him with a pitchfork and his hands, in a very bad manner, without any provocation). 1769. Ambrose Taylor, John Vaughan,§ Henry Snelling (late one of Lord Albemarll's Light troop), Stephen Taylor,§ John Best. 1770. John Trotter, Joseph Ellis,‖ Edward Bayley,¶ Thomas Legg,‖ James Legg** (75th Foot), Richard Haydon. 1750. James Windon. 1757. Thomas Gibling (a tailor). 1759. Thomas Wedge. 1770. John Kitcher, Wm. Henry (*re* Hester Nixon, an orphan of Merton). 1769. John Wren (calico printer; his master illused him and he had his indentures cancelled); Benj. Bozer, Thomas Earle. 1771. James Panckhurst. 1772. Peter Cutler, Thomas Wren (served apprenticeship for six months at Croydon, and then ran away to sea); Robert Clare†† (a printer); Elizabeth Poplet, George Hope, Wm. Egleton, Wm. Robbins. 1773. Wm. Ramshaw, Wm. Dorman, Catherine Wickhams. 1773.

* Mr. Jelf, his landlord, to pay his taxes.
† Removed to Downe in Kent.
‡ Gave him a certificate to Kingsclar (Kingsclere) in Hants.
§ Gone to Crayford.
‖ Gone to Merton.
¶ Gone to Mitcham.
** Since dead, and child.
†† Examined again in 1773, and ordered to Crayford same day.

Ralph Brown,* Sarah Wicks* (undated, probably 1774, cannot say where her husband is settled, as he is away at harvest work); Wm. Redworth* (undated). 1774. Wm. Tyrrell, George Boulton (undated, a tenant of Mr. Garrood); Thomas Kennett (undated); Samuel Cole (undated); Mary Ann Incliffe (from Hillingdon workhouse, Middlesex); Robert Mitchell, Ann Brewer, William Whitcombe, Zachariah Brown (of Staines), Mary Egleton (widow), Elizabeth Best (single woman, swears an unborn child to James Godman, of this parish; he was a collar-maker by trade); William Merritt. 1775. Sarah Sutton (single, her father gone to America). 1776. Nicholas Baker, Samuel Becket,† John Whale, William Smart,‡ Humpy Brown (calico printer). 1777. Thomas Green. 1776. Ann Worster (widow). 1777. Henry Knee, Thomas Hayward, Thomas Walters. 1778. James Townsend. 1779. Benj. West (from West Meath); Mary Peters (single; swears a child, yet unborn, on George Robinson, of Crawley; she was hired servant to Mr. Charpenter, a jeweller, at £3 a year). 1780. Susannah Knight (servant to Mr. Jno. Ridge, engraver, to whom she swears a child yet unborn, "he being really & truly the father of the said child or children." This lady was relieved by the Vestry); Mary Nower, William Penny. 1781. Patience Dudley (from the name evidently of Puritan stock; she came from Oxford); William Miles, Mary Jones (a widow, from St. Martin-in-the-Fields); Jane Rogers (from Battersea, dead). 1781. Elizabeth Uffold (single, Battersea); Isaac Wagnell (from Carshalton); John Dew (from Streatham); Hannah Roach (wife of John Roach, gone from her); Eleanor Akers, William Smith (from Greatham, Hants). 1782. Mary Bushnell (widow of Thomas Bushnell; she was married at the Fleet, but does not know how many

* And unsigned. † See Mrs. Beckett, 1787.

‡ Has a son George, probably the organ turner.

years since); Ann Cheak (sworn before Chr Baldwin and John Evans at the Faulcon, at Battersea); John Goldsmith. 1783. Mary Bushnell (see *ante*) regains her memory. About forty-one years since she was married to William Troadaway, of Chiswick, who is since dead; about 30 years since she intermarried (but during the life of her first husband) to Thomas Bushnell, of Tooting. This lady declined to swear this, but two months later swore to the first marriage, and signed her mark to the name of Mary Tredway (Treadway); she has thus sworn to both husbands. (Note. The Fleet parsons were not noted for making inquiries concerning their clients.) 1783. James Grayham; Sarah Day (from West Ham); William Dudley, James Buttler, William Giston, William Morris. 1784. Ann Pointer (servant to Mr Blake, brewer); John Dentery (*re* the settlement of his nephew); John Dentery (nephew of aforesaid); Elizabeth Buttler* (wife of James; see *ante*); John Dew, William Skinner, Robert Golding. 1785. Edward Hancock (hatter). 1784. Mary Brian, otherwise Macklin (swears an unborn child to John Hickenbotton, gardener, and signs Macklin).

1785. James Wells, Thomas Bishop,† Humphrey Maker, Samuel Dudley, David Duke. 1786. Patience West, Mary West (single; swears a child to Thomas Durrent, of Mitcham, a carter). 1787. John Pledge, Thomas Nicholls (Joseph Salvador's servant); John Scarss, Lucy Burr (servant to Mr. Chittenden, apothecary; swears a child, baptized Benjamin Miller, upon William Miller, of Morden in Surrey, servant to Sir Robert Clayton); Tomasin Beckett (wife of Samuel Beckett, late of Whitechapel; described as "disordered in his senses"); Charles Stevens (natural son of either Betty or Elizabeth Stevens, of St. Luke's, Chelsea; has wife and two children, Thomas and Charlotte; a sur-

* Again examined, 1786.

† Voluntary examination, 1786.

charge at the side in pencil says: "When they came to reside at Tooting Thomas was in peticoats and Charlotte sucking at her mother's breast"). 1788. Wm. Hosier (from Kings Langley); Sarah Barrett (widow of Martin Barrett, Irishman; she was in 1768 servant to Mr. Montague, copper-plate printer, of Tooting; she swears a female child (Sarah), two years old, upon ffrancis Nicholson, of Wandsworth, and that her coming child (or children) is by the same father); Mary Meese (widow of John Meese); Samuel Dudley (see *ante*), Mary Macklin (see *ante*; swears a coming child to James Webb, a blacksmith); Eliza Rose (swears a coming child or children on James Durrent, of Mitcham; evidently the Durrent family were wanderers from their parish, see Mary West, *ante*); Sarah Cooke (widow), Ann Cooke (single, daughter of Sarah; swears a female child, Elizabeth, just born, upon James Collis, of Morden, where she was in service). 1789. Thomas Gunter (servant to Samuel Plumbe, Esq.); Wm. Payne, Edward Marshall, Sarah Goldsmith (single; swears a coming child to Robert Robinson, a private dragoon). 1790. John Croxford, Elizabeth Newman (re settlement of Elizabeth Walters, aged 15 years, her daughter by a previous marriage). 1791. Thomas Gunter, Thomas Huckstep, Susannah Hart* (swears a female child, Sophia, but does not disclose the name of its father). 1792. Elizabeth Rose (see *ante*; swears a coming child upon Peter Knight, late of Tooting); Mary Macklin (see *ante*; swears a coming child upon William Higgs, of Battersea); Elizabeth Stanley (swears a coming child upon John Elliott, of Wallington); Charles Postlethwaite, Thomas Driver. 1793. George Keene, Thomas Holmes, Thomas Wood, James Pither, James Beard, John Adams (bricklayer; served his time with John Arnoll); Richard Osgood, Sarah Blake (single; swears a coming child upon Thomas Walker, a calico printer). 1794.

* See 1795.

James Cleverley, Isaac Lock (in 1774 servant to Thomas Maynard, of Old Bayen in Hants; he has house in Tooting and half a house in Mitcham, a wife named Ann and three children, Isaac, Rebecca and Daniel); William Dean (late servant to Mr. Dolland,* of Battersea, mathematical instrument maker); Elizabeth Barlow (swears that John Hamilton, of Tooting, wheelwright, is the father of her coming child or children). 1795. Joseph Bullen, William Wren (husband of Mary Wren, the church pew-opener); James Ockenden, Susannah Hart† (see *ante;* in 1793 she was servant to Rt. Hon. the Marquis of Lothian at Farnham, and now discloses the particulars missing at her late examination; she was delivered of a female child in a coach as she was going to the Queen's Lying-in Hospital, and that William Waters, late of Clement's Inn, is the father). 1796. Mary Yoell (says her husband is gone away and left her with seven children to support; his parish should be Hornsey); Mary Stacey (single; swears a coming child upon Thomas Christian, driver of the Bath mail-coach; she had been servant to John Humphreys, victualler, of Tooting); Susannah Hart (again examined in reference to her daughter Sophia, and in regard to another child, Caroline, born June, 1794, which she swears to James Wheedon, of Chappel Street, Park Lane, butler to Mrs. Trisdale; she further swears that she is about to become the mother of another child, which she swears to Charles Biggar, of the Spring Gardens coffee-house, St. James's, Westminster). 1797. Thomas Sanders. 1798. Lucy Woodford (a domestic servant; she swears an unborn child or children to Stephen Tanner, of Shepherd's Bush); Rebecca Otway (wife of Henry Otway, gone away; subsequently she finds that he had a wife already living, and swears her three children to the bigamist, and signs her deposition

* Can this be the well-known city firm?

† Again examined on the same subject, 1796.

Rebecca Wedge X). 1799. Wm. Betts (late of Streatham; married Ann Cheak). 1801. Martha Naylor (swears a coming child to John Stone, a private soldier, of Croydon). 1802. Miriam Wood (single, from St. Marylebone); Anne Dench (single, from St. Sepulchre); Elizabeth Cleaverley (widow). 1803. William Monk (of Chevening, Kent). 1804. Mary Stannard (widow; swears a coming child to Thomas Jehu, male servant to Mr. Grellier).

1804. John French (apprenticed at Cripplegate and twenty years ratepayer in Steyning); Elizabeth Constable (her husband, a grocer, had absconded); Eliz. Leonie (swears her child Caroline to Alexander Johnson, late of Mitcham). 1805. Wm. Burgess; Elizabeth Lindon (*re* Sarah Edwards, aged 7; her father, Allen Edwards, enlisted, and her mother had gone away; she believes him to be a native of Epsom). 1806. John Hatt, Sarah Pendrey (widow, with a daughter subject to fits); Mary Ann Gunter (single; swears a coming child upon Matthew Williams, of Mitcham, coachman to Mr. John Holding); Charles Cleverley, Maria Stringer (widow, not sworn), Susanna Tagg (grass widow); James Lane, Sarah Brown (single, of Bletchingley); Thomas Chalklin (blacksmith, from Chislehurst); William Temple (of Wharfhill). 1807. W. Halbert (touching the legal settlement of his daughter Charlotte); Charlotte Halbert (swears a child Thomas to Thomas Garwood the younger, a painter of Tooting); William Abby. 1808. Sarah Pickett (single); Elizabeth Haywood (single); George Shepherd (about 1780, servant to Mr. Wilson, brewer, and slept in that part of Mr. Wilson's house which was in this parish); Richard Foster (about 1768 lived as hired servant with Mr. Plumbe, but does not recollect the sum he received for wages [probably small, see Plumbe, Biographies], single and never was married); Maria Stringer (see *ante;* her husband, Richard Stringer, died two years five months ago; she swears a coming child to William Cranford);

Arthur Stringer (*re* his sister-in-law, see *ante;* his brother was born at Shipley, Sussex. John Gibson confirms this, and states that the father of Arthur and Richard was last located at Shipley); Mary Hunter (single; swears a coming child to William Hands of Wimbledon. 1808. Jane Jones and Hannah Lack (William Lack, husband of Hannah, is a son of Jane Jones (Enfield); he has gone for a soldier). 1809. Joseph Payne, Elizabeth Weston (single; swears a coming child to William Wood, carpenter, late of this parish); Sarah Hayward (wife of Robert Hayward, late of Weybridge, at home ill; he was a bricklayer and came from Wimborne, Dorset); Wm. Lack, corpl. (see *ante;* claims to be a parishioner); John Hall (see *ante*); Amy Eggington (*re* her sister Mary Dukes, a single woman with two children, lately residing in Clare Market, receiving for two years relief from St. Clements Danes); Hannah Russell (widow from Portsea); Ann Moffett (single; swears a coming child to Stephen Hodges, gardener); John Griffiths (servant at one time to Mr. Plumbe). 1810. Mary Gardener (wife of Abraham Gardener, of the Marines; two years after their marriage, in 1799, at Hutton, Essex, he enlisted and she had not seen him since. She had received one shilling a week from her husband's parish, Little Warley); Thos. Dench. 1811. Sarah Cuthbert (widow of George Cuthbert, tanner of Ipswich; Elizabeth Moore (widow; claims Greenwich as a settlement, having been four years in the service of Foss Westcote, Esq., Crown Hill); Ann Marchant (widow of John; no children living; he died 1779. She was yearly servant to Ann Keppin, widow of Brighton). 1812. Jane Jones (*see ante*) (was a servant to Mr. W. Bicknell of Enfield; after her husband's death, as nursemaid. She does not know the settlement of either of her husbands, William Lack or William Jones); Henry Stoell (yearly servant to Mr. Wheeler); Martha Webb (grass-widow; her husband deserted her four years ago, and



further, that she is with child by William Randall a sawyer); Judith Sprules (swears her daughter Emma upon Nicholas Mustel, or Mustilsillan, of Mitcham, fencing-master); Hannah Burgess (single; swears her coming child upon Henry Briant of the Pack Horse, Turnham Green, carpenter); Edward Giles (servant to John Clark, at the Castle). 1813. James Stowers (1783 in service at Greenwich); Ann Housego (swears a coming child to Edward Ireland, groom); Priscilla Norris (single; one year servant to John Jacks, Newington, the only time she completed a year's service). 1814. James Pope (has been told he was born at Chelsea, but his father settled at Tooting); Mary Fruien (*re* William Tayler, her son by a former husband; he is legally settled at Tooting); James Farmer (nine years servant to Mrs. Weller, widow of Mitcham; his father kept the Marlborough Head at Croydon); Susan Bond (in service at Morden for one year, nine months and ten months elsewhere; then to the service of Mr. Elliott of Tooting for the year less four days); Charlotte Bickerstaffe (wife of Jonathan Bickerstaffe; previously wife of William Penfold, who told her he was bred and born at Charlwood in Essex; her child Esther Penfold now in Tooting Workhouse); Sarah Hulburt* (wife of William [too infirm to be examined]; that their cottage was in Tooting, but for family reasons they hired a cottage in Streatham for a time); Elizabeth Jameson (wife of Benjamin Jameson, late of High Street, Manchester). 1815. Margaret Pratt (single; swears a coming child to Lieutenant Thomas Henry Brown of the Royal Waggon Train at Croydon); [here followeth a kindred form without names being filled in]; Elizabeth Beeston (servant at Mitcham to Robert Fisher); George Brett (of Croydon); Elizabeth Brett (widow of Joseph Brett of Thorley, Herts); Hannah Willis (grass-widow of three weeks' standing, her husband, William, having

* Query Halbert (see *ante*).

deserted her. William turned up a month later and was examined, owning to Battersea); William Deacon, John Carter, Margaret Rixon (order suspended, and passed March, 1816). 1816. John Raymond (born at Mitcham: his mother, Mary Raty, and father John Raymond); Mary Ann Stannard (see *ante;* John Marchant had made inquiries and found that her grandfather had been settled at Thetford in Norfolk); Harriet Jordan (wife of Robert Jordan, claims settlement at Streatham); Thomas Glanfield (has not acquired any settlement; his wife too ill to be moved). 1817. Elizabeth Davis (wife of Charles Davis, not settled); William Dunton (married at Tooting Graveney about 1810); Edmund Best (under gardener to Mr. Timson, Brandy merchant, of Tooting Graveney; he left service on account of illness); William Wells (appears to belong to Streatham); Henry Rostell (a barber, then in the army); William Pointer (St. Giles, Camberwell); Charlotte Gregory (wife of Edmund Gregory; at present in a state of mental derangement; he had received relief from New Alresford, Hants); Sarah Pendry (single; swears her coming child to William Grover, a labourer in this parish); James Price (calico printer of Mitcham); Martha Wagnell (single; swears her child Ann to John Sharp, late of Tooting, gardener, now of Hanbury Hall in Dartford); Edmund Gregory (see *ante;* evidently recovered; confirmed his wife's statement); Martha Wallis, *alias* Ventrice (after she had been married to Wm. Ventrice about four years his sister, Margaret Marchant told her he had a wife already; when thirty-two years of age she was servant to Madam Piozzi* at Streatham); Maria Pickett (wife of Wm. Pickett, settled at Westminster; he has gone away to get work); Richard Jarrett (carpenter; served his time at Oxted); Edward Groves (settled at Tooting); Sophia Harling (had been in service at a school in Streatham; her mistress sold the school

* *Née* Mrs. Thrale, Dr. Johnson's friend.

and she went with her to Whitechapel; now with child, but does not disclose the name of the offender; has no means). 1818. Aaron Hills (claimed on Streatham; used to work at Ewell, and there paid threepence per night for half a bed); John Souton (owned to Ferring, in Sussex); John Deacon (from Morden, then into the army); Elizabeth Jones (single; swears her coming child to William Rowley, servant to Joseph Davis. Joseph Davis (spent a good part of his life at Marlborough, Wilts); William Baughton (his wife had left him five weeks; he was a smith, and served his time at Acton. An order of removal was made and put in execution on this examination. An appeal against it was made, and order confirmed at the Kingston Sessions, held October 20, 1818).

CHAPTER VIII.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS.



PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

DONATIONS to the Charity School of this parish as recorded in the church:

1809. Mr. John Avarn, by will dated the 18th of May, left £400 in the 5 per cent. annuities, the interest to be paid yearly to the Trustees for the use of the School, upon condition that the Master take no Day Scholars; also £200 in the same 5 per cent. annuities, the interest to pay for an annual dinner for the children and Committee.

1811. Mrs. Ann Willis gave £100 in the 3 per cent. consolidated annuities.

1816. William Wanstell, Esq., gave £50 in the 3 per cent. consolidated annuities.

1817. Robt. Bridges, Esq., Junior, gave £30.
1813. John Hodges, Esq., gave £50.
1821. Mrs. Bridges gave £50.
1823. William Powell, Esq., late of Vauxhall Road, in the county of Surrey, gave £210, and a share in the residue of his estate amounting to £1113, which together were laid out in the purchase of £1441. 18. 11. 3 per cent. consols.
1829. R. G. Thomas, Esq., gave £50.
R. Abraham, Esq., gave £21.
1833. Rev. John Ravenhill, D.D., left by will £50, which was laid out in the purchase of £50. 15. 6. 3 per cent. consols.

As will be seen by the Vestry Minutes, in 1784, it was decided to obtain a place for a school, and a master to teach the children. In 1792* it was determined in Vestry that a charity school should be erected for the benefit of the poor boys and girls of the parish. A public subscription was opened, trustees appointed, and a site for the building obtained from the Lord of the Manor at a peppercorn rent for 999 years. £515. 19. 0. was collected; £281. 5. 10½. was spent on the school building, and the balance invested in the funds. The Minutes of the School Trustees as follows will speak for themselves; they have, of course, been considerably abridged.

MINUTES OF SCHOOL HOUSE.

1802—1824.

Rob^{t} Broadley, Treasurer.

1802. "Resolved that strict charge be given to the Master that he admit no boy whatever without an order from the Committee, or between the meetings of Committee without an order from the Treasurer.

* As the Vestry Minutes are missing from 1789-1803, I am relying upon Mr. Lambert's notes for this information.

and that he shall not presume to receive any pay or gratuity from the parents of any child or children whatever without the severest animadversions* of the committee."

Copy-books seem to have been too heavy an item for the Committee. They order "that those in hand be locked up, and no more new ones allowed than what are to supply the place of those written through."

)05. Rev. Dr. Ravenhill elected Treasurer, Robt. Bridges, Percival Evans, Jas. Dawson, Joseph Davis, added to Committee. Mr. Welsh to have Two Guineas for collecting subscriptions, and Mrs. Goddard a salary of £16 per ann.

)10. "Abstract of Laws of the Society (National Society) read and ordered to be put in a Book provided for the purpose, and the Treas^{r} was requested to write to the Rev Rob^{t} Broadley and John Morgan Rice to inform them that in consequence of a Bill pending in Parliament for ye better regulation of ye Charities of ye poor, it was deemed proper by ye subscribing members that ye trustees should be inhabitants of ye village or neighbourhood, so as to be ready to transact ye necessary business attending such trust. In case they resign, D^{r} Ravenhill and Walter Lord to be elected Trustees." Several local gentlemen were added to the committee.

Robt. Clarke elected Trustee in place of Mr. Blake, deceased. Thos. Wotton and Charles Wagland expelled for bad behaviour.

The Master, Mr. Welsh, and Mistress, Mrs. Goddard, increased in salary £4 each = Master £30, Mistress £20.

irls' reading good, writing bad. Girls' spelling bad.

* A term of warning or admonition (obsolete now).

1813. About this time Mr. John Hodges gave the school £50, which produced about £84. 11. 4. 3 per cent. Consols. Mistress' salary increased £5. Mrs. Tucker was Lady Visitor. Wm. Sheppard removed his daughter, and was offensive to the Mistress and Mrs. Tucker; he was brought before the Committee and the impropriety of his conduct pointed out, and ordered to apologize to the two ladies. Mary Bradley and her mother also wanting in respect. Mary suspended till her parents made a proper apology.

1814. The Lady Visitor to have power to suspend any child from Sunday School if the ordinary means of punishment ineffective.

Mrs. Tucker withdraws from the School, and the Mistress ill; the committee to appoint substitutes.

"Mode of instruction to be same as that practised in the central School of National Society, and Mr. Clarke to get the temporary instructor. Mr. Whally, to write to the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge for Bibles, Prayer-Books, Testaments and Tracts for the School." A Special Meeting of the Committee to answer Mrs. Goddard's case. "She being advanced in age, and by reason of bodily infirmities unable to perform her duties, the Committee to advertise for her successor, the Committee to do all in their power to procure her a comfortable subsistence."

1814. "The successful candidate to allow Mrs. Goddard £5 per Ann. Jane Welsh, wife of the Master, was appointed for one year, and Mrs. Goddard to have £5 per Ann. from the funds."

1815. Girls bad in spelling. The Mistress to see to it.

In May and Aug. Committees called, but no quorum, consequently no work done.

1816. £25 allowed to Ladies for cloathing the girls.

Mrs. Strachan "thanked for the great trouble she has taken in respect to the school."

8. Mrs. Goddard died, and Committee voted £5 toward paying her debts.

£50 expended in 3 per cents. and added to the £1800 now in the names of the Trustees.

9. "That a sum not exceeding £50 be allowed for the salary of a School Mistress. That £5 . 16 . 0 be added to that of the Master, which with £4 . 4 . 0 allowed the Master of the Sunday School = £40. Mr. Clarke to make further inquiry about a mistress and not to regard the applicants having had instruction in the National System."

Maria May was appointed at £40 and a house, £10 to be allowed till the house can be obtained.

0. The Mistress had to wash one of the girls, her father did not like it and said so, consequently daughter suspended till he made apology.

2. Ill health caused the Mistress to retire for a time. Mr. Lord applied to the National Society for a temporary one, application refused as the School was not under the Society.

Mr. Welsh the Master died. Advertisement as follows inserted in *Morning Advertiser* and *Times:*

"Wanted for the Charity School of Tooting a master properly qualified to instruct about 40 boys. Salary £40 per ann., with house free of charge to live in. His character must be irreproachable, and his principles of religion strictly according to the Church of England. Particular references will be required. Application to be made by letter only, post paid, on or before Thursday the 14th, to the Treasurer of the Charity School, Tooting, Surrey. The day of Election will be Tuesday, 19th inst. (March)."

Joshua Howard was elected.

1823. The Master applied for increase of stipend, but the funds did not allow of it. Mrs. Randall complained that he was too severe in punishing her son. Case proved against him, and he reprimanded and ordered never to strike a boy with his hand. "Members to attend in turn at 9 o'clock to see the children are correctly entered as attending and are cleanly and neat in appearance."

Sept. 9. Resolved, "to discharge the Master for his misconduct with the Mistress,* whose resignation had anticipated her dismissal."

Oct. 7. Mr. and Mrs. Young were elected Master and Mistress. They began the School with 55 pupils, and left it in 1833 with 110.

Charity School Minute Book.

1824—1851.

1824. Needful to enlarge the school, "to ask Mr. Rice if he would sell adjoining cottage." He declined to sell. Two new Schoolrooms to be built at west-end of School. Girls admonished for behaviour in Church.

1825. "Mr. Platt assented to the bank at the back of the School being enclosed."

1827. Mr. Rice offered the Cottage upon terms that the Charity could not accept, "but were willing to have the matter arbitrated upon, and will wait a month for his reply." Architect to prepare a plan for adding to school, Mr. Rice to have legal notice that the wall of the School House will be taken down.

1828. Mr. Rice offered his Land and Cottage for £200. Offer accepted, and "Rev. Mr. Rice congratulated on his determination, and asked to whom the

* Mrs. Green. No record of her appointment.

money is to be paid." Rev. Mr. Rice replies "that the money can be paid to his Bankers or himself." Stock to be sold out to meet the payment. Mr. Abrahams' plan accepted, Mr. Overton offers "to build at 10 per cent. under Measure and value price," but as he declined to contract, the contracts were opened and that of Messrs Norris & Williamson for £1340 . 8 . 8 proved the lowest and was accepted. Mr. Clarke resigned his Trusteeship and Joseph Proctor appointed. Funds were not available for building, Mr. Clarke "having declined to sign the transfer." Resolved "that Counsel be taken as to the transfer from Messrs Ravenhill, Lord and Clarke to Messrs Ravenhill, Lord and Proctor. From Mr. Clarke's letter it is quite evident that he only wished not to be held in any way legally responsible for the purchase of Mr. Rice's Cottage." In Dec. Robt. Clarke, Esq., and Thomas Whitmore were added to the Trustees. The stock to be reinvested in the five names, but the Bank would only accept four, so Mr. Clarke withdrew his name.

" £2050 in 3 per cent. stock ordered to be sold out, to pay the builder and Mr. Rice. Estimate to be made for furnishing and Architect's Bill to be delivered. The fittings estimated at £112, the Architect's Bill was £88 . 18 . 6, and he gave £21 to the fund. The Attorneys' (Messrs Whitton & Thomas) Bill was £57 . 16 . 10. Mr. Thomas gave a Donation of £50. The contractors furnished for £100.

" *Aug.* 3. "14/- to be distributed to 14 Boys and a like sum to 14 Girls for good behaviour."

" *June* 21. The subscribers called together "to judge between Mr. Young the Master, and Mr. Smart. The Parish Clerk, Mr. Smart, said he had been ill-used on Sunday the 6th after a Charity Sermon

preached by the Rev. Mr. Greaves. Resolved that:

I. Mr. Smart acted improperly in taking home the Wine last year, the Wine not being his property.

II. That Young has been decidedly the aggressor on the present occasion (1) in endeavouring to take the bottle out of Smart's hands and afterwards in striking him and assaulting him, and that Smart was also to blame, altho' in a lesser degree, in claiming the wine as his exclusive property.

III. That Smart and Young be called in and reprimanded for the improper conduct of each of them in this transaction, and acquainted that it is the opinion of this Meeting that they should arrange matters amicably between them and not expose themselves to any other proceedings. And they were reprimanded accordingly.

Signed Walter Lord, Chairman."

1831, *Aug.* 22. Resolved "that any girl belonging to this school who works in the Camomile fields shall be forthwith suspended, and if persisted in, expelled."

1832, *Feb.* 12. The Ladies of the School (*i.e.*, visitors) complained "that it was not kept warm enough. Dr Lord to order more coals and inform the ladies of the fact."

The School Room to be at the service of the Temperance Society on the 27th April.

Aug. 13. The Annual Dinner at The Mitre cost £10. 12. 6 (see Avarn Charity).

1833, *Feb.* 25. Rev. J. B. Marsden appointed Treasurer, vice Dr Ravenhill, deceased.

March. Unanimously resolved that the services of the present Master and Mistress be not required after 24th of June next, and that the laws respecting the mode of election of Master and Mistress

be rescinded, and that the Business of Tuition be conducted as near as advisable upon the system adopted by the "National School Society," and that they be applied to about filling the vacancy.

June 4. Children to dine at one instead of three o'clock on Holy Thursday. By a vote the School was joined to the "National School Society."

June 25. James Allshorn and his wife appointed by the Society at a stipend of £80, and no commission for collecting subscriptions. Books to be ordered from the National Society (hitherto from the local tradesmen).

Aug. 5. Paid for a wood clock 10/-

34, *Jan.* 9. Rees Goring Thomas, Esq., elected a Trustee, and £45, Dr. Ravenhill's Legacy, to be invested in 3 per cents. in the names of Rev. J. B. Marsden, Robt. Clarke, Esq., and Rees Goring Thomas, Esq.

Sept. 26. "Mr. Venables intimated that he thought the Honbl and Revd Baptist Noel* might be induced to preach the Annual Sermon."

35, *May.* Scarlet Fever about. Schools closed.

July. "That it be referred to the Ladies' Committee to consider whether it be not practicable to induce the girls to do the house work cheerfully by offering a small present to those who may acquit themselves well, and it is suggested to the ladies whether the religious and moral education of the children (which may probably suffer by the withdrawal of them from the school if the plan of housework be rigidly persisted in) be not of prior

* Baptist Wriothesley Noel, sixteenth child of Sir Gerald Noel-el, Bart., born 1798, died 1873, minister of St. John's Chapel, dford Row. Seceded from the Church and joined the Baptists 1849, and was minister of John Street Chapel (near his old church). r many years a powerful preacher, and a great advocate of tional Education.

importance to the obtaining even of domestic habits of industry."

1836, *Feb.* 1. £5 to be spent in making the Building secure (the bill came to £7 . 11 . 6).

1837, *April* 18. "Ladies Committee intimated that Mrs. Allshorn's services should terminate at end of the present quarter."

May 23. Mr. Allshorn also to go. "The Ladies Committee ask for £20 for clothing, but think £6 or £7 a year would in future be enough to supply Cloaks and Bonnets and half the cost of Shoes for 35 Girls. Other Cloathes not needed as it has obviously long ceased to be considered a benefit."

"Mr. Bird to be asked for an opinion upon Avarn's Will with reference to the question whether we are precluded from receiving weekly payment from the children, accompanied with a statement of the financial condition of the schools."

June 9. The Rector "to apply to the National Society or elsewhere for a Master and Mistress, reserving right to elect or not."*

July 17. That "Mr. John Parton be appointed Master at £55, and the pence of the children with other perquisites to be arranged hereafter, and that the Rector treat with Miss† Bainbridge at £35. The pence to be divided between the Master and Mistress, and each to be allowed Coals."

1843, *July* 6. School House requires considerable repairs. No funds. In debt to Treasurer £17 . 19 . 7. Appeal to be made.

June 12. Treasurer stated "that Thos. White, Esq., of Town Malling, had left £100 to the school. Mr. Bird undertook to get an extract of will, and obtain the money. Miss Roylance to be appointed Mistress on same terms as Mrs. Bainbridge, but

* Tooting desires to recover its lost birthright (see *ante*).

† ? Mrs.

must enter at Central School, Westminster, for a certificate. The Ladies Committee, consisting of Miss Jane Clarke, Mrs. Cuthbert, Mrs. Marsden, and Mrs. Bird were so pleased with Miss Roylance conduct while assisting Mrs. Bainbridge, who was in a poor state of health, that they unanimously recommended her to the position. Her mother a widow of an army surgeon resided in the parish."

The Ladies passed a strong vote of thanks to Mrs. Bainbridge.

Aug. 28. "Mr. Parton having obtained a London situation, gave notice of his intention to leave. A cordial vote of thanks given by the Committee. Mr. Devey, from St. Georges, Hanover Square, appointed for 3 months on trial. The Committee, considering the number of Boys absent at work in the Camomile fields, decided those who did not return before the 8th Octo. shall be expelled, and that henceforth the Midsummer holidays shall be discontinued and a month be given, commencing the middle of August, to be regulated by the attendance and the season for field work."

4, *June* 3. Mr. White's legacy (see *ante*) available for general purposes.

Dec. Rev. J. B. Marsden having resigned, the Rev. R. W. Greaves was appointed Treasurer and Trustee. Mr. Marchant paid over £98 . 14 . 8½ left in his hands by Mr. Marsden.

5. The School House must be repaired. Mr. Arding to report as to time, etc.

March. The Ladies decide that Miss Roylance is no longer required.

April 29. Mr. Devey resigns. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hough elected. (They came from the Coleman St. Schools.)

6, *May* 23. "Mr. Hambley the architect stated that

they must remove the arches, take down and rebuild the north wall, and under pin the other cross wall. Messrs. Williamson and Norris to do the work speedily. The Rector to send out circulars stating the case, and asking for subscriptions."

March 23. The Master and Mistress resigned. Mr. Davies elected Master, £50, Miss Lappin Mistress, £35.

1847, *March* 26. Government Inspector visited the School, and his report was favourable. The S.P.C.K. having granted £5, the Trustees did the same for a Library.

1848. The funds in stocks standing in the names of Dr. Ravenhill and others to be transferred to Messrs. Rev. R. W. Greaves, Dr. Lord, Robert Clarke, and W. J. Thompson.

1849, *March* 25. Mr. Davies resigns by reason of Mrs. Davies' ill-health.

A cesspool to be constructed immediately below the palings on the western side of the school.

June 11. Mr. Hy. Williams elected Master, Miss Levett* resigns.

June 25. The Boys were reported insubordinate by the temporary Master, and ordered to be punished for breaking windows both of School and Church. Some expelled, others punished in School.

Nov. 5. Hon. S. C. H. R. Curzon added to the Committee, Robt. Clarke being deceased. The Committee passed a resolution that the Hon. S. C. H. R. Curzon be elected a Trustee.

1850, *May* 6. Mr. Williams sent in his resignation as he did not care to undertake the education of pupil teachers. This was accepted.

1851, *Jan.* 18. In February Mr. Henry Hulford a Battersea trained Certificated Master was appointed at £70. The Rector and Ch:Wardens had found it

* No record of her appointment.

possible to donate £24. 19. 6 to the capital account of the School, being part of a sum left by the late Mr. Powell for the repairs of his Vault and Tomb in the Church and Churchyard, and not required for that purpose. It was laid out in 3 per cents., and raised the capital to £1558. The Committee desirous for the increase of the income of the schools, determined to sell the above-named stock and invest the proceeds in Railway debentures. The sale of the £1558 3 per cents. sold for £1500. 9. 0, with which were purchased £1500 5% G. N. Debentures at 5% for £1535. 3. 3. The charity thus being debtors for £34. 14. 3.

The capital was then increased by two donations of £25 each from Messrs. Fuller and Judkins by arrangement with the parish (for encroachments).

Having thus traced the history of the Charity Schools* to a comparatively recent date, the subject may be left with the remark, that when the School-Board for London had built its own schools, there was no need to continue this charity, and the Trustees, under a scheme approved of by the Charity Commissioners in 1875, arranged the income so that the wishes of those who provided the endowments should be carried out. (For details see Educational Charities in the next chapter.)

In 1895 the schools were too small for their purpose, viz., Sunday-schools, Church Lads' Brigade, etc., and the Trustees built the New Hall adjoining the old schools by means of public subscriptions, a bazaar, the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Gassiot, and a loan from the Charity Commissioners upon the security of the endowment. This Hall was opened by the Lord Bishop of Rochester, Dr. Talbot, in 1896, and has already proved its value both as a place of healthy entertainment and as a part of the Sunday-schools connected with the church.

* The later masters and mistresses will be found in Chapter XV.



CHAPTER IX.

THE CHARITIES.

Henry Smith's Charity, 1627.

THE oldest charity in the parish is the annual gift of Alderman Smith, who died in 1627, and was buried at Wandsworth. He was alderman and silversmith in the City of London. The object as described in the "Charities Register and Digest," is (*a*) the relief of the poor kindred of Alderman Smith, and donations to hospitals within the London bills of mortality, and to charities for obtaining for the children of the poor within those bills the benefit of a visit to the country; (*b*) the relief of the poor of about 200 parishes; (*c*) relief of poor clergy in regular duty. *Admission:* (*a*) the applicants must be poor kindred of the founder, of whom pedigrees are kept; (*b*) the poor of the respective parishes are relieved through the parish officers; (*c*) a limited number of candidates receive relief at Christmas, and are recommended by the bishop of the diocese. *Management:* (*a*) under a scheme approved of by the Court of Chancery; (*b* and *c*) decree, deed of uses, and will of the founder. Income, about £17,000.

Dugdale's "Traveller," vol. iv., No. 165, says:

"He died, aged 79, and devized property to a great amount—Croydon, Kingston, Guildford, Dorking, Reigate, Richmond and Farnham, £1,000 each; Wandsworth £500, and various other legacies.

£10,000 to buy impropriations for godly preachers; founded a fellowship at Cambridge for his own kindred. The residue left to executors to be allotted to various parishes according to their discretion."

Forty shillings was the amount paid to this parish then, but now £3 15 0. It is given in clothing tickets.

Sir John Maynard, 1659.

Sir John Maynard gave £1 annually to be distributed to eight poor parishioners at two shillings and sixpence each on Easter Sunday by the minister and churchwardens.

Deed Poll reciting that Sir John Maynard by his will The 13th of April 1655 did bequeath to the poor of the parish of Tooting-Graveny in Cou. Surr. £20 to be disposed where his wife should see most need & made Dame Mary his said Wife Exr: thereof & that the said Dame Mary did see most need to dispose & secure the same for the s[d] poor as the parishioners of the s[d] parish should think fit & to that purpose the s[d] parishioners do think fit & desire that an annuity or yearly Rent of 20[s] p ann for ever may be secured for the use of the s[d] poor in lieu of the s[d] £20 out of the Mesages & Lands hereafter mentioned & further reciting that John Maynard son of the s[d] Sir John Maynard at the desire of the s[d] parishioners & the s[d] Dame Mary his Mother and in consideration of £20 by her paid & in performance of the s[d] will & for securing the s[d] annuity or yearly rent of 20[s] in manner aforesaid was willing to settle & assure the same out of the premises hereafter mentioned & to that end for the Consideration aforse'd the s[d] John Maynard did give & grant unto Edw[d] Dudson & Tho[s] Dudson his son, John Couchman the Elder & John & Thos Couchman his Sons, Edmund Sares & Edward Sares his son their Heirs & assigns for ever one Annuity or yearly Rent charge of 20[s] p. annum freed & discharged from all Taxes & to be yearly Issuing out of all that Messuage or Tenement &[c] & 2 acres of Pasture Ground thereunto adjoining in the occupation of John Coldham in the s[d] Parish of Tooting abutting as therein mentioned to hold to them their heirs & assigns for ever to be paid yearly on the feast of the Nativity of S[t] John the Baptist upon Trust that they & their Heirs & Assigns do and shall yearly & every year for ever within 20 days of the s[d] feast Pay the same to the Parson, Church Wardens & Overseers of the Poor for The Time being and their successors to be, to be by them distributed to the poor of the s[d] Parish of Tooting on the 29th of July for ever according to their discretions w[th] a covenant to distrain on non Payment of the said

Annuity with (?) 14 days after the s[d] feast-day & that this Deed shall be void in case the poor or any other of the s[d] parishioners sue for the s[d] £20

Sign[d] John (Seal) Maynard

On the back of the deed poll was the following receipt:

Rec[d] July 28[th] 1727 of Mr John Couchman the within mentioned Deed Poll which I promise to deliver him on Demand whole and uncancelled as witness my hand

Witness J INGHAM JOHN MAN

The above is a true copy of the deed poll from John Maynard son of Sir John Maynard, for the annuity of £1 per annum to the poor of the parish of Tooting, to be distributed yearly on July 29 for ever, by the minister and churchwardens of the parish.

Taken in the year 1746 by John Loringe,
Vestry Clerk.

Thos. Shepherd, Rich. Wheatley } Churchwardens.

This is now (1896) distributed according to the testator's wish, and is included in the Sir James Bateman account.

Deputy Scriven's Gift, 1704.

A clause out of Deputy Joseph Scriven's will bearing date April 14, 1704:

Item. I give and bequeath unto ye poor of ye parrish of Tooting-Graveney in ye County of Surry where I now live ye sume of Tenn Pounds to be distributed unto and amongst y[m] as my Executrix togethe[r] w[th] ye Minister and Churchwardens of ye said parrish for ye time being shall think fitt.

(Here follows names of fifteen parishioners who received sums varying from eight shillings to twenty shillings.)

Signed, Bridgett Scriven.
Timo. Turner, Rector.
Charles Linton, Churchwarden.
Edw. Sares and John Couchman.

(Why this is in the Overseers' Book is a mystery; it clearly belongs to the Churchwardens' Book.)

Bateman Almshouses, 1709.

›rey says, "On a marble over the door of an hospital ng the road to Mycham, in capitals, is this inscrip- :

Building was erected at the charge of M[rs] Judeth Bateman of Joas Bateman late of London Esquire July Anno. 1709.

Hospital was founded by the afore mentioned person, Mother ames Bateman. Lord Mayor of London in 1717, For the benefit poor alms-women who have an allowance of 2 . 6 . each per ınd each half a chaldron of coals yearly, and are put in by the : Sir James, after his death by his son and so in succession by est heir of the family, when the Manor passed out of the hands Bateman family this Charity was by Act of Parliament trans-

The site of the six houses and the house adjoining formed lot : sale of the estate of Percival Lewis. Mr. Morgan Rice pur- the lot for £785. The estimated rental of his House (Park ı was £20 and the six cottages £27. From the plan of sale, the e should be from "The Rosery" to the corner of Vant Road.

Mr. Bickley's Gift, 1710.

\ccount of the Money Distributed By the Minister & Church- s which was a gift to the poore by M[r] Bickley formerly :r here Distributed Jany y[e] 9 1710 as under written :

ıne ...	...	1	1	6	Wido Lynn ...	...	0 10 0
freeland	...	1	1	6	Wido Lauder ...	...	0 10 0
ɔond ...	...	0	10	0	John Lauder ...	...	0 10 0
'char ...	...	0	10	0	Wido Hausman	...	1 1 6
Allen ...	...	0	15	0	John ffrances ...	...	1 1 6
:austal ...	...	0	15	0	John Gibson ...	...	0 15 0
uaser ...	...	0	15	0	Ben Moore ...	...	0 10 0
d Wheatland	...	1	1	6	ffra Pledge ...	...	1 1 6
arke ...	...	0	10	0			
		6	19	6			5 19 6
							6 19 6
							12 19 0

whole sum distributed is Twelve Pound Nineteen Shillings. :here is Delivered into the hands of the Churchwardens the ' Seven Pounds one Shill. Being in all Twenty Pounds.

y[e] Remainder of the above s[d] money by Tho Ansell who :d the office of Churchwarden for Mr. Monthion (Movillion) as :

Pd for Tho Lane	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	0
Pd Wido Lewis	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	9
Pd Wido Oliver	...	...	...	...	...	0	10	9
Pd Tho Lanes Wife for the Wido ffreelands					...	0	3	0
Pd Wido Lauder for Looking after the Wido ffreelands					...	0	5	0
Pd Mary Wilson for watching with her Two Nights					...	0	1	0
Pd for Beers at several times for ye Watchers					...	0	3	0
						5	13	6
Remains in the hands of Tho Ansell of the above said money one Pound Seven Shillings & Sixpence					...	1	7	6
Paid ye Remainder of this Money by me as follows:								
Paid John Gibson	...	...	...	...	...	00	2	6
Paid Rob Allan	...	...	...	...	...	00	5	0
Paid Frances Pledg	...	...	...	...	...	00	5	0
Paid the remainder of the money as above ssd by Order to Pledg Lane & Archer & Tho Shorey in full					...	00	15	0
						1	7	6

April y^e^ 7 1713 by Tho Ansell.

Brand Charity, 1712.

Isaac Brand by his will gave three pounds a year, and charged his mansion house with the payment thereof to be distributed by the Rector and Churchwardens on every Easter Sunday, at the church, to twelve poor parishioners, at five shillings each.

September, 1712. Isaac Brand, Esq., late of Tooting, gave to the poor of the parish by his last will and testament, in the following words:

Item. I give to the Parish of Tooting in the County of Surry where I have lived many years the sum of three pounds to be distributed by the Minister & Churchwardens unto and amongst the poor of that parish at the Parish Church on every Easter Sunday for ever and for the due payment thereof I do hereby charge the said three pounds per annum upon my mansion house which I now dwell in & upon two other small houses in Tooting aforesaid and upon the Lands thereunto belonging.

1896. This is distributed in grocery orders at Easter.

In 1842 or 1843, a question arose as to this money not being forthcoming, and the following case was placed before Counsel:

CASE.

Isaac Brand, by his will dated 5th April, 1709, gave and bequeathed (*inter alia*), as follows:

Item. I give to the Parish Church of Tooting in the County of Surrey where I have lived many years the sum of three pounds to be distributed by the Minister and Churchwardens unto and amongst the poor of that parish at the Parish Church on every Easter Sunday for ever & for the due payment thereof I do hereby charge the said £3 per annum upon my Mansion House which I now dwell in and upon two other small Houses in Tooting aforesaid and upon the lands there unto belonging

Item. I give unto my said wife my house in Tooting wherein I now dwell together with the outhouses gardens & appurtenances thereunto belonging also two other houses in Tooting afs[d] with the lands thereunto belonging to hold all my said Houses & lands in Tooting afs[d] with their appurtenances unto my said wife and her heirs & assigns for ever subject to the payment of £3 per Annum to the poor of Tooting for ever as aforesaid and the said testator appointed his said wife sole Executrix of his said will. The property charged with this Payment is in the occupation of Mr Moyses to whom application has been made for 4 years arrears & in answer Mr Moyses writes as follows to Mr Cuthbert:

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter applying as Ch-Warden for a rent charge upon my house at Tooting In reply I beg to say that this charge was regularly paid so long as the house was tenanted and is only now withheld from the circumstance of it being unoccupied There are consequently no funds out of which the charge could be paid I have only to add that so soon as it may be tenanted these payments will be cheerfully resumed, there being no intention or wish to withhold anything there may be due"

It is not known by what means Mr Moyses acquired an interest in the Property in question

Counsel will have the goodness to advise, the Will containing no power of distress what is the remedy by which the Ch: Wardens can enforce payment of the arrears in question

Counsels Opinion.

The devise to the Parish Church of Tooting is a devise to the Parson of the Church & his successors (2 Pow: on Devises 338 Jarmans 3rd Edn & the cases thereto referred to) the present Incumbent & not the Ch: Wardens is therefore I think the Proper Party to enforce payment of the rent of £3 The remedies for recovery of the Rent are by distress under Statute 4 Geo 2 C 28 S 5 (See Bullery *v* Robinson, 3 Bingham 392) or by bill in Equity for a receiver or for payment of the arrears by sale (Capit *v* Jackson, 13 Price 721, S. C. Mc Cl 495) It appears by the latter case that relief will be given in Equity notwithstanding there may be a remedy at Law by distress but this doctrine is opposed to Lord Eldon's Opinion Expressd in Baxter *v* Martheose, Cooper 41 & which I think is the better opinion. To enable the Incumbent to distrain it should appear that the rent was paid for 3 years within twenty years before the first day of the Session in which the act referred to was passed If this cannot be shewn or if there be difficulty in ascertaining the Houses & lands subject to the Rent or there be no sufficient distress to be had there would I think be ground for equitable relief. I think that a suit in Equity should not be resorted to unless absolutely necessary The Case does not state when the Testator died I assume that he died before the 24 June 1736 when the Statute of 9th George 2 C 36 commonly called the "Mortmain Act" came into operation.

Signed J LORENCE BIRD
Lincolns' Inn 10 Apl 1843

Sir Jas. Bateman's Charity, 1718.

Sir Jas. Bateman by his will left £100, the interest of which was to provide for the binding out apprentice of poor children of this parish by the churchwardens. In 1892, £53 from unused dividends was invested = £250 in all. This charity now (1896) produces a dividend of £7 7s. 8d., and is devoted to the object for which it was intended.

Whereas the late Sr James Bateman Kt did by his last Will and Testament Bequeath to ye parish of Tooting-Graveny one hundred pounds for ye use & purpose of Binding Apprentice poor children of this parish, which hundred pounds together wth thirty pounds Interest are now paid by ye Rt Honble the Lord Bateman: It is agreed at a Vestry held this 20th day of February 1726-7 that ye said one hundred and thirty pound shall be invested in a South Sea Annuity by John Mann Esq. Samuel Lisle D D & Mr Thornton Mann who are hereby

empowered to receive from time to time y^e^ interest accruing on y^e^ said Annuity, and to apply it to y^e^ purpose intended by y^e^ said S^r^ James Bateman's Will.

And it is hereby declared that this parish will indemnify & save harmless ye Trustees above mentioned from all charges and suits they may be liable to acting in pursuance of this trust & of y^e^ intention of S^r^ James Bateman's Will.

And it is further declared that upon y^e^ demise or removal out of y^e^ parish of any one of y^e^ said Trustees y^e^ Vestry should appoint another person of this parish to act in his stead.

Samuel Lisle, Rector of Tooting.

W^m^ Shorter, Jno Gibling } Churchwardens

John Man,	John Lynn,
John Colt,	John Creasy,
John Morley,	Henry Wilks,
William Bignell,	James x Varlow. Mark.

(In the handwriting of Dr. Lisle.)

Man's Charity, 1721.

Thomas Man, gent., by his will gave six chaldrons of sea coals, and charged some tenements in Kingston-on-Thames with the cost thereof, to be distributed yearly by the Rector and Churchwardens to twelve poor parishioners at half a chaldron each.

Thomas Man, senr., gentleman, late of Tooting, gave to the poor of the parish by his last will and testament, in the following words:

Item. I give and bequeath unto my said son Thomas Man all those my Messuages & Tenements & Hereditaments with the appurtenances in Kingston in the County of Surry against the Market Place there, now in the possession of John Lamb and Thomas Harris Their under Tenants or assigns now both of them let at Thirty Pounds per Ann nevertheless. I have charged so much money to be paid out of the said Two Tenements as will pay for Six Chaldrons of Sea Coals and for bringing in the same to Tooting for the use of the Poor of the said Parish for ever to be at the disposal of my Son Thomas Man for his life & afterwards to be at the disposal of my son John Man.

In 1896, 72 sacks of coal were distributed to 24 persons, the value of the same being £7 18s. 5d.

Shorter's Gift, 1728.

In the year 1728, Mr. Wm. Shorter by will gave to the poor of the parish of Tooting five pounds which sum was given to the poor of the said parish at the parish church on Sunday, the 22nd of December, 1728 (distributed to sixteen parishioners).

Edwd. Ballard, Curate.
John Colt,
William Bignell, } Churchwardens.

Rogers' Gift, 1778.

John Rogers, Esq., left by his will £200 to be laid out in Government securities, and Martha, his wife, added thereto £13 6s. 8d., which donations produce £10 interest per annum in the 3 per cent. Consolidated Annuities, the said interest to be given annually by the Rector and Churchwardens to such poor housekeepers resident within the said parish, that have not been chargeable thereto for one whole year.

May 17, 1779. That Mrs. Rogers, Wife and Executrix of John Rogers Esq[r] Deceased, having sent Morgan Rice Esq[r] one of the Churchwardens of this Parish an abstract of the said John Rogers Will in respect to a Legacy left by him the aforesaid John Rogers Esq to the poor of the said parish, which the said Morgan Rice Esq[r] laid before the Vestry as follows:

"I direct my Executrix to lay out and invest the sum of Two Hundred Pounds and sum of the Publick Stock, funds or Government Security in the names of such persons as Trustees as shall be appointed by the parishioners of the said Parish of Tooting in the County of Surry for that purpose.

"And I direct that the said sum be kept so invest[d] in the names of three persons, at the least, and that the yearly Interest, and Dividend ariseing from the funds in which the said sum shall be Invested shall be paid, applied and Distributed once a year by the Rector and

Churchwardens for the time being of the said parish and among such poor persons as at the time of such distribution as shall be House-keepers resident within the said parish and shall not within Twelve Months before that time have been chargeable thereto.

"In consequence of the above information the persons hereunto subscribing and constituting this Vestry have agreed and appointed the Rev^{d} D^{r} Allen Rector of the said Parish of Tooting The R^{t} Hon^{ble} Samuel Plumbe Esq Lord Mayor of London and Morgan Rice Esq^{r} to be Trustees for the security of the above Legacy."

Ordered that a Coppy of this be Delivered to Mrs Rogers

Jos Overton — W^{m} Witton
Rich^{d} Panton — Jno Loringe
Jno Arnold — Ed Vidler

John Jenkins Curate
Morg^{n} Rice Churchwarden
John Gover, Will Kimber Overseers.

At a Vestry held on 17th of May last Morgan Rice Esq^{r} produced an abstract of the will of John Rogers Esq^{r}. Dec^{d} and in Pursance of which the Rev^{d} D^{r} Henry Allen, The R^{t} Hon^{bl} Samuel Plumbe and Morgan Rice Esq^{rs} were appointed Trustees, and the said Trustees have received from Mrs Martha Rogers Executrix to the said John Rogers a Bank 3 Per Cent Consolidated receite for £333 . 6 . 8 w^{ch} is for the legacy of £200 left by the s^{d} J Rogers Esq^{r} and a donation of M^{rs} Rogers's of £13 . 6 . 8 which will bring an yearly Income of £10 per ann. The Receite for w^{ch} remains In the hands of the s^{d} M Rice Esq^{r} the present Church Warden.

It is unanimously Resolved that the thanks of the Parish be given to Mrs Rogers for her Generous Donation.

Ordered that an Inscription of the above Donation be put up in the Church.

Signed Morg^{n} Rice & others.

1780 Feby 18th The Donation of the Late John Rogers Esq^{r} was distributed by the Dockter and Churchwardings to thirteen Parishioners Resident House Keepers in the above Parish as follows :

Thos Walker ...	...	1	1	0	Jack Nayler ...	...	0 12 0
W^{m} Ridge ...	...	1	1	0	Mary Eakhan ...	...	0 12 0
W Astin ...	...	1	1	0	Jno Barlow ...	...	0 15 0
Mrs Butcher ...	...	1	1	0	Alex^{r} Cape ...	...	0 12 0
Rich^{d} Jones ...	...	1	0	0	Jno Wren ...	...	0 10 6
Jno Gray ...	...	0	12	0	Mrs Parqulis ...	...	0 10 6
Morris Taylor	...	0	12	0			
							10 0 0

Chivers' Charity, 1784.

Mrs. Martha Chivers* left by her will the 17th of February £200 to be laid out on Government Securities, the interest to be given annually by the rector and churchwardens, as in Rogers' Gift.

1896. Rogers' and Chivers' gifts united produced a dividend of £17 17s. 4d., which was distributed by the aid of the District Visitors, the Work Society and the Provident Club.

Bridges' (Brydges') Trust

Produces £27 10s. per annum, and is distributed by the Rector and Churchwardens to such persons, inhabitants of the parish, and in such proportions as they shall think fit.

In 1896 the trust was distributed by means of the District Visitors and Provident Club.

Avarn's Charity, 1809.

Mr. John Avarn gave £300† in the 5 per cent. annuities for the purchase of bread, to be given by the churchwardens every Sunday to 12 poor inhabitants who shall have attended divine service at this church on that day.

In the Will of John Avarn late of Tooting-Graveney, in the County of Surry, Gentleman, deceased, dated the 17th of October, 1806, is as follows:

And I give and bequeath nine Hundred Pounds, bank five pounds per cent Annuities part of a larger sum belonging to me and standing in my name in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England unto my two friends John Grillier of Tooting aforesaid Surgeon and James Blake of the same place Brewer and the Survivor of them and the Executors and administrators of such survivors upon the Trust and under the several provisions and conditions herein

* *Née* Rogers. See *ante*.

† Now £315, from accumulated Dividends.

after mentioned expressed and declared of and concerning the same. That is to say upon Trust that they my said Trustees and the survivor of them his executors and administrators do and shall pay and apply the yearly interest and dividends arising from and out of five hundred pounds Bank five per cent Annuities part of the said nine hundred pounds like annuities into the Trustees and committee of the Charity School of Tooting aforesaid and their successors for ever to be by them applied in aid and support of the said School and the Education of Poor children Therein under their direction upon the condition that the School master employed therein do not take any day scholars but those who shall be admitted as scholars by such Trustees of the said School or in default thereof The said four hundred pounds Bank five per cent annuities shall go and become payable to my Residuary Legatees herein after mentioned and upon Trust, That they my said Trustees or the Survivor of them his Executors or administrators do and shall pay and apply the yearly Interest and dividends arising from and out of Two hundred pounds Bank five per cent Annuities further part of the said nine hundred pounds like annuities unto the said Trustees and Committee of the said Charity School of Tooting aforesaid and their successors for ever to be by them applied for an annual dinner for the Committee and Children of the said School on Ascension day commonly called Holy Thursday in each year, and it is my desire that such annual dinner be given at the Mitre Inn, in the Tooting aforesaid, and in the same manner as the same was given by me in my lifetime and upon Trust that they my said Trustees or the Survivor of them his executors and administrators do and shall pay and apply the yearly Interest & dividends arising from and out of three hundred pounds Bank five per cent annuities Residue of the said nine hundred pounds like annuities unto the Church Wardens for the Time being of the Parish of Tooting aforesaid and their Successors for ever to be by them laid out in the purchase of Twelve or more half-quarten loaves of bread weekly and to be distributed among twelve or more Poor Persons on Each Sunday at the Parish Church of Tooting aforesaid who shall then have attended divine service there on that day such poor persons being inhabitants of Tooting aforesaid. Provided always and it is my will and mind that my said Trustees and the survivor of them his executors and administrators shall and may reimburse themselves respectively all such costs charges and expenses they may sustain and expend by and out of the Trust monies which shall come to their hands and shall not be answerable for any loss or damage which may happen thereto, unless through their wilful default and each of them shall be answerable for his own act and deeds only.

In the second codicil to the said will is as follows:

And to my cousin Ann Avarn now the wife of Deionistis Boston the Rent of the House I now live in and the House adjoining with the Bakehouse and the House adjoining the Bakehouse inhabited by John Piper and John Gover she to have the rents of them during her life and at her death I give them in trust to Mr John Grillier and Mr James Blake both of Tooting for them to pay annually the rents of my freehold to my cousin Boston and at her death to the Treasurer and Trusts of the Charity School of Tooting for ever and I further desire at my decease that I may not be opened alltho' I had given Mr. Grillier my consent so to do as I have altered my mind.

Proved in London with two Codicils the 18th May 1809 before the Worshipful Charles Coole Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the Oath of John Grellier (in the will written Grillier) and James Blake the Executors to whom administration was granted having been first sworn duly to administer

CHAS DYNELEY, JOHN IGGULDEN, W F GOSTLING } Deputy Registrars

Ravenhill's Gift, 1833.

Dr. Ravenhill left to the overseers the sum of £50, the interest of which was to be given to the poor widows in the workhouse. Since this institution was closed in 1843 the money has been distributed to poor widows 65 years old and upwards, receiving parish relief, thus carrying out the pious wish of the founder. The principal is now represented by £60 consols, from dividends which accumulated after the workhouse closed, as the Charity lay dormant for some years. (Income, 1896, £1 13s.)

Hoggart's Gift, 1864.

Another charity is known as Hoggart's Gift. Miss Mary Harford Hoggart, in fulfilment of the wishes of her deceased brother, the late Charles Lancelot Hoggart, on June 21, 1864, gave to the Rev. R. Greaves, the then rector of Tooting-Graveney, a cheque for £100. Miss Hoggart subsequently by two letters declared her wish to be that the money should be invested in consols, and that the dividends should be given yearly, on Easter Day, as

the benefaction of her brother, to three poor men, natives of Tooting, of sixty-five years of age and upwards, preference being given to those most aged. The administration of the gift to be vested in the Rector and Churchwardens. (Income 1896, £2 18s. 8d., distributed in grocery orders.)

Maria Jane Clarke Memorial.

Founded by Stephenson Clarke. £200 Arbitration Pref. 4½ Stock L. C. & D. Ry. The interest to be applied for the benefit of the poor of the parish of Tooting-Graveney.

Rector and Churchwardens, Trustees and Managers.
First Trustees—Rev. Edward H. Morton, Rector.
Mr. J. B. Ward, } Churchwardens.
Mr. W. P. Mellhuish, }

The Trustees to apply the dividend of the Trust Stock for the benefit of such aged persons, inhabitants of the said parish, as they shall consider most deserving, of either sex, married or single, but of not less than sixty years of age. No person to be considered less deserving by reason or on account of his or her religious opinions.

(Income 1896, £7 5s. 7d., distributed in pensions to aged men.)

Stephenson Clarke Fund.

Rector and Churchwardens, Trustees. £1000.
First Trustees—Rev. Edward H. Morton, Rector.
Mr. James Foster, } Churchwardens.
Mr. W. P. Mellhuish, }

Dividend to be applied to "repairing & keeping in repair & good order that portion of T. G. Churchyard in which any grave is situate & keeping the same at all times planted with flowers suited to the season of the year properly watered & tended & so that this same may at all times present a neat & orderly appearance & to distribute the balance of the said dividends from time to time as the same shall be received among such of the deserving poor people of the said parish without regard to their denomination or religious opinions as he and they shall in his or their discretion from time to time select."

Income 1896, £33 3s., distributed in pensions and for the keeping up of the churchyard as directed in the will.

Elizabeth Collett Charity, 1839.

Elizabeth Collett, in 1839, assigned to trustees a parcel of leasehold land, upon which she had erected a School for Infants, to be called the Salvador Infant School. This she endowed with a Government annuity of £11 6s. 6d. for sixty years. When, in 1854, the Parochial Infant School was erected, her school could not exist as a separate institution. It was closed and afterwards sold, the proceeds being invested to increase the annuity, and this is now included in the Educational Charities.

Parochial Infant Schools, now the Vestry Hall.

In 1854 the Parochial Infant School was built, at a cost of £1,519 2s. 6d., and £250 paid for the site. When the School Board for London was established, the school was handed over to them, and some few years after, when their new schools were erected on the opposite side of the road, the parish had the satisfaction of buying back the school they had given away (for details of which see Vestry Minutes, p. 148).

Educational Charities.

As it was the wish of the pious donors that the Endowments of the National School should at all times be used for educational purposes, it became needful, when the Schools were no longer required for use as National Schools, owing to the establishment of Board Schools in Tooting-Graveney, to reconstruct the educational charities of the parish; so in 1875 a scheme was formulated by the Charity Commissioners which consolidated the charities of John Avarn, William Powell, John Ravenhill, and Elizabeth Collett. The scheme which was adopted provides that:

1. Until the year 1899 (when the terminable Government Annuity of £13 7s. 0d., forming the endowment of ELIZABETH COLLETT'S Charity will cease to be payable) the sum of £6 per annum shall be

regularly reserved by the Trustees out of the said income, and shall be deposited by them in the names of not less than three of their body, at interest in a Bank of established character. The entire accumulated fund so to be formed shall be invested under an order of the Charity Commissioners in the purchase of Consolidated £3 per cent. Annuities, in the names of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, the income to be derived from such accumulated fund, and its investment shall be treated as forming part of the annual income of the said Charities, and be subject to the provisions of this Scheme. No sum in excess of £50 shall be allowed to remain uninvested.

2. The sum of £5 per annum out of the said income shall be applied in bestowing rewards upon meritorious Scholars of either sex (being Infants) attending any efficiently conducted Elementary Schools in Tooting-Graveney, aforesaid, whose parents or next friends are resident in that parish or the immediate vicinity. The rewards shall be bestowed for good conduct and regularity of attendance at School. The amount and nature of such rewards shall be fixed by the Trustees for the time being, but always so that the Children of one sex shall never obtain a greater advantage than those of the other.

3. The residue of the said annual income shall be divided into three equal parts or shares, of which one part or share shall be applied by the Trustees in such manner and subject to such reasonable regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by them in promoting, assisting, or maintaining an efficient Sunday-school, for the benefit of Children of either sex of poor persons residing in the Parish of Tooting-Graveney, aforesaid, or the immediate vicinity.

4. The remaining two parts or shares of the residue of the said annual income shall be applied by the Trustees in the creation and payment of Scholarships or Exhibitions not exceeding £20 per annum each, to be assigned to meritorious Scholars of either sex attending, and who have attended for the period of two years, any efficiently conducted Elementary Schools in the Parish of Tooting-Graveney, aforesaid, whose parents or next friends are resident in that Parish or the immediate vicinity, and being not less than 10 or more than 14 years of age. The Scholars shall be selected from time to time by the Trustees for the time being, in the result of a public examination to be held and conducted in conformity with regulations to be from time to time prescribed by the Trustees. Each Scholarship or Exhibition shall be tenable for two years at any efficiently conducted School or Schools of a grade superior to an Elementary School, and shall be granted with the object of assisting the Scholars who may be selected to obtain a higher class of Education.

If in any year there shall not be in the estimation of the Examiner, a Candidate or Candidates sufficiently deserving to receive a Scholarship or Exhibition, the Trustees for the time being shall not award a Scholarship or Exhibition during that year, but shall apply the income thereby remaining unappropriated, in manner hereinafter provided for the application of any residue or surplus or unappropriated income.

The residue or surplus or unappropriated income of the Charities (if any) shall either be applied at the discretion of the Trustees in giving rewards to meritorious Scholars of either sex who shall have failed to obtain a Scholarship or Exhibition, or shall be from time to time accumulated by the Trustees in their names, in a Bank of established character, until it shall amount to a suitable sum, when the same shall be invested by them in the name of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, in the Government Funds, for the purpose of establishing an additional Scholarship or Exhibition.

This Scheme or any part thereof may, however, be varied from time to time by the Trustees with the sanction of the Charity Commissioners, if and so often as such variation should be considered to be necessary or desirable.

Taking advantage of this last clause, the Trustees have borrowed £600 from the Charity Commissioners towards the building of the Church Lane Hall, which is an enlargement of the schools, so that for some time to come the Sunday-schools will not get the financial help which the charity has for years been able to provide.

Although non-parochial, the following is included.

Mistress Dorothy Appleby left property in Tooting-Graveney, to the Rector and Churchwardens of Streatham, £5 to apprentice a boy or girl to some manual labour and the residue to repair certain roads. The property had a charge of £20 per annum out of her estate to keep the said property in repair. In 1829 this had disappeared, and the land was let for sixty-one years at a ground rent of £25 per annum, lease expiring in 1890. The houses occupied by Mr. Sorrell and others in High Street are upon this land.

CHAPTER X.

THE WORKHOUSE.



TOOTING HALL.

1767—1786.

THE duty of providing for those who, by reason of infirmity or indigence, are unable to obtain sufficient to sustain life, rests upon every community, and has always been a source of trouble and anxiety to those who were, either by position or appointment, charged with the oversight of a fixed locality.

From the very beginning of the world this duty has devolved upon the Church. Under the Mosaic dispensation the poor congregated at the gates of the Temple,

and asked alms of those who came to worship, and the charitable also placed their contributions in the alms-box within its doors. So it was also at the beginning of the Christian era, and the giving of gifts to the poor was a part of the Christian religion.

In 1349, by Act 23 Edward III., it was enacted "that no alms should be given to a beggar able to work," and the support of the poor was undertaken by the Church.

In 1535, by Act 27 Henry VIII., owing to the demolition of the monasteries, a compulsory Poor Law was created, but the germ of our present system was contained in Act 43, ch. 2, Elizabeth, 1601. It ordered parishes to appoint overseers for the relief of the poor, blind, lame, and impotent. This was modified in 1662, and in the year 1772 the workhouse system came into operation. Between 1812 and 1832 the pauperism of England was a great burden, and threatened to ruin the country, so in 1834 the Poor Law amendment Act of William IV. was passed. It divided the land into Unions, ordered that a workhouse should be built in each, appointed a central Board, and arranged that the paupers who dwelt in the various workhouses should submit to the labour test, in place of receiving outdoor relief. Prior to 1834, one person in twelve was a pauper. By 1849 this had fallen to 6.2, and in 1867 to 4.0. Outdoor relief is still given, but in a more modified style, and this Act has been further amended from time to time; but still, in its chief factors, is much the same as then.

That Tooting-Graveney had its full share in these troubles will be seen by the perusal of the notes which follow; but it is somewhat characteristic of the place that they took a long time in which to definitely decide how the poor should be housed and kept. Previously, it will be seen by the Vestry minutes the poor were boarded out among the cottagers, and certain sums paid for their maintenance. We will now quote from the notices of the Vestry upon the matter, and the interesting history of the

ilding of a workhouse will, we think, be sufficient ason for placing these minutes here in a consecutive rm instead of incorporating them in their regular sition under the heading of "Vestry."

67, *Oct.* 4. "A proposal having been made to Mr Rice, Lord of the Manor, for erecting a house for the poor of the parish Mr Rice attended with an estimate for that purpose amounting to £170. When it was proposed that Mr Rice should build a house on the plan proposed on the Common abutting to and bounded by Church Field, to extend one hundred yards forwards to the North East on the Common, including the Building, and to go in the direction of the Hedges of the said Church Field, leaving a sufficient Road from each of the Two Common Gates adjoining thereto, and as the charge of enclosing the garden, etc., cannot be immediately ascertained it is agreed to allow Mr Rice £8 per cent for the whole money laid out, provided the same does not exceed £200, and that the parish do take a lease of the said Tenement for the poor-house* for 21 years.

That Mr Rice be allowed to erect two Tenements on each side of the s'd Building and it is further agreed that only 36 feet in width, and 100 yards in length of the ground above mentioned shall be granted to the parish with the lease of the poor-house, and the Remainder be reserved for the sole Use and Benefit of Mr Rice.

William Waller Ch:Warden.
Paul Palmer Overseer.

Samuel Wilton, Thomas Walker, Edw^{d} Crutchfeild, John Ridge, Jno Avarn, Jno Arnoll, James Graham, Thos Garrood, Jno Loringe, Rich^{d} Postlethwaite, Morg^{n} Rice."

* The term poor-house is here used and not workhouse as later on.

Nov. 1 *and* 2. "The proceedings of the Vestry held by adjournment to the Castle on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1767, were reconsidered and were entirely disapproved of in all the particulars, but as Mr Rice the person to contract with being gone to France and expected to return in a short time, it is thought proper to postpone any further proceedings at this time to this day fortnight. That Mr Rice be acquainted with this determination.

Signed James Lacy Curate.

Sam[l] Plumbe, Joseph Salvador, Peter Hamond, Eliz Kemp, (Lord) Trimlestoun,* Amy Rudduck."

(NOTE. The first time we find ladies present at the Vestry.)

Nov. 16. "That the further consideration concerning the poor-house be postponed to this day se'nnight.†

Signed James Lacy Curate.

Sam[l] Plumbe, Paul Palmer Overseer, Peter Hamond, Joseph Salvador, W[m] Jelfe."

Nov. 22. "That no act of any Vestry exceeding a value of Twenty pounds charge to the Parish shall be valid unless referred to and confirmed by a second Vestry, whereof public and proper notice be given.

Signed James Lacy Curate.

Peter Hamond, Sam[l] Plumbe, W[m] Jelfe, Trimlestoun, Joseph Salvador."

Dec. 7. "Ordered that Mr Waller Churchwarden of the parish do call upon Mr Rice to know from him whether he will concur in the underneath proposal from this Vestry, viz., That the parish may take upon them the expenses of the Building now

* His own way of spelling his name.

† A week, contracted from seven nights. See *As You Like It*, III. 2.

erecting on the Common of Tooting Graveney for the poor of the said parish the said poor-house, and thereunto allotted to remain for ever for the use of the said parish, and that the Two Tenements now also erecting at each end of the said poor-house with a quantity of ground equal to that appointed for the poor-house to be equally divided between the two said Tenements shall remain for ever the property of the said Mr Rice.

Signed James Lacy Curate.

Jno Avarn, John Gover, Jno Loringe, Will^{m} Betts, Fr. Kingston, Jno Arnoll, Rich^{d} Postlethwaite, Trimlestoun, Sam^{l} Plumbe, W^{m} Jelfe, John Rogers, Will'm Waller, Churchwarden, John Ridge."

(No date.) "Mr Waller acquaints this Vestry that He waited on Mr Rice as ordered at last Vestry, and says that Mr Rice answer'd that if the parish would not agree to this former contract, to leave him where they found him, and which not being a full explanation it is resolved that Mr Rice be acquainted that they cannot agree to the proceeding of the Vestry Oct. 4, 1767, but if Mr Rice will make a proposal to the parish, a Vestry shall be called to consider of it.

Signed Will^{m} Waller Ch:Warden.
Saml Plumbe.
Joseph Salvador.
Edw^{d} Crutchfield.
John Gover.
Jno Loringe.
Thos Tamplin.
Will^{m} Betts.

(NOTE. Mr. Waller, expecting the parishioners would dine together, provided accordingly; but very few thought proper to come, is the reason

that the Christmas allowance is broke through, it being too hard for those that did attend to pay the reckoning.)"

1768, *Jan.* 17. "Mr Morgan Rice by the minutes of the last Vestry* finds that the paper writing sent by Mr Rogers was not look'd upon as a propeusal concerning the Building erected by him for the parrish. He therefore doeth now make the following proposal that he will let the said Building to the paraish for 61 years at the yearly rent as shall be adjudged or fixt by 2 surveyeers, one to be chose by the paraish and the other by the said Morgan Rice and after the experaiten of the s^{d} 61 years the Ground and Building to be the property of the s^{d} Morgan Rice, he paying Annually to the said parish such a sum as the survaiers may adjudge. They may be Intitled to Rec^{d} for the right they had in the said ground.

That if the 2 Survayers cannot agree that they call in a thurd and to abide by the Determention of Two out of the 3 said persons.

Signed William Waller Churchwarden.

John Ridge, Peter Hamond, Jno Avarn, Edward Crutchfield, Frs Kingscote, Willm Betts, Jno Gover, Thos Tamplin, Rich Postlethwaite."

Feby. 2. "The Proposal of Mr Rice to the Vestry of Tooting Graveney held at the Castle Jan. 17, 1768, is approved of for the present.

Signed Trimlestoun, (Not legal)† Peter Hamond, Thos Garrood, Francis Willcox, John Gover, Thos. Tamplin, Willm Waller, Ch:Warden, Jno Avarn, Edw^{d} Crutchfield, John Betts, Rich Postlethwaite."

* Minutes not in the book, and could not have been taken. The Vestry would be about January 3.

† Written in by another hand. ? Saml. Plumbe.

Feby. 11. "The proposal from Mr Rice has been reconsidered accepted and is mutually agreed to Between Mr Rice and the Vestry upon the following terms. Within the space of one calendar Month to be completed from the day of the buildings being completely furnished for the reception of the poor of the said parrish Mr Waller the Churchwarden and at present acting as overseer of the said parrish shall appoint Mr Pryolos (?) Surveyor chose by Mr Rice and Mr Couse Surveyor chosen by the said parrish to meet on the spot where the said Building is erected, and there to consider and compute and award what annual rent the parrish ought to pay unto the said Mr Rice for the said Building on a Lease from him for 61 years and on their publishing their award, which must be within the space of one month after proper notice of the Buildings being completely furnished shall be given to the Churchwarden, Mr. Rice and the said Churchwarden and Overseer shall interchangeably execute leases conformable with their award, and the Surveyors are to consider that the ground wareon the "Ponilo"* (?) is erected at Mr. Rices propper expence and the ground wareon the Tenements are built at each end of the Building for the poor, together with all the ground to be enclosed for the use of the said Buildings is part of the common of the parrish of Tooting-Graveney aforesaid. That Mr Rice is to enjoy from this day the two tenements with the ground allotted to them. That after the expiration of 61 years Mr Rice is to become Tennent to the parrish for the ground upon which all the said buildings are erected, together with the ground to be enclosed for them, on a lease for ever to be made to him by

* Evidently a word which has puzzled others.

the parrish in reversion of the term of 61 years at such annual rent as the abovenamed Surveyors by their award shall appoint, and in case of disagreement between the two abovenamed surveyors they shall call in a third Surveyor to be chosen indefferently between them by lot, and any two of the said surveyors agreeing shall make the award.

(N.B.—The garden allotted to the Poor House to be fenced in with a common Hedge, and the Ditch to be on the outside, and two rows of Quick to be planted in propper manner.

Will^{m} Waller Churchwarden.

Morg^{n} Rice, Trimlestoun, Peter Hamond, Thos Tamplin, Jno Gover, Fr Kingscote, W^{m} Betts, Thos Garrood, Edw^{d} Crutchfield, Jno Loringe, Rich^{d} Postlethwaite.

(This procedure must fall to the ground, for as there was no Vestry held in the Church, there could be no adjournment.

Signed Samuel Plumbe, Feb. 24, 1768.)"

Feb. 28. "Vestry called for . . . and to endeavour to remove the unhappy disputes that at present subsist between the parish and Mr Rice about a Building erected and intended by Mr Rice for the parish to place their poor in.

Signed James Lacy Curate.

Samuel Plumbe, W^{m} Waller (Ch:Warden) Jno Avarn, Thos Walker."

Mar. 9. "That the Shopkeepers have their turn to serve the poorhouse."

Apl. 17. "Mr Rice having erected a Building on Tooting Common intended for the use of the poor which on consideration will be thought attended with an expense which the parish has no occasion for, and therefore have applied to Mr Rice to extri-

cate them from this inconvenience, and he is so oblidging as to entirely disengage the parish from all contracts attending the same on condition that the said parish give up all claim to not exceeding one acre of land besides the land formerly granted for the intended Building of the poors House and Cottages adjoining, which when an instrument is draw'd up for this purpose we are ready to sign the same.

Signed Wm Waller Churchwarden" (and others).

Ap. 29. "Previous minutes confirmed unanimously, That Mr Rogers and Mr Plumbe went with Mr Rice on Tuesday, 26th Day of April, 1768, to view the ground allotted to Mr Rice according to the Instrument. The parishioners are to sign and approve of the same, being agreeable to the former Vestry.

Signed Wm Waller" (and others).

'69, *Jan.* 28. "That the parish view the House in Garrett Lane, how far it is fit for a poor-house."

Oct. "It was agreed between the parish and Mr Jno Arnoll and Mr Garrood to take a House in Garrett Lane which they are in possession of under an agreement with Mrs Cordilia Loyd, and it is agreed to take the same of Jno Arnoll and Thos Garrood at the Rent of Thirteen pounds a year, to be paid quarterly and to take it for three years certain from Michaelmas next, they putting it in proper repair. This House is intended for the reception of the poor, provided we are in possession before Michaelmas next, to allow accordingly after the rate of the aforesaid Rate.

Signed John Gover, Overseer, Saml Plumbe, John Rogers, Wm Waller, Jno Avarn, Jno Arnoll, Thos Garrood."

1775, *Oct.* 3. "Ordered that the Overseer do apply to Mr Angel for a House in the said Parish for the accommodation for the poor."

1776, *June* 25. "That the poor-house be examined and the needful done for the reception of the poor."

1778, *April* 21. "That Mr. Gover has refused to serve the office of Overseer as much on account of the great trouble arising for want of room for the poore, and that the Vestry then present did agree to use their utmost endeavours for a house or proper place for the residence of the poor, and a Vestry be called upon the first opportunity to agree upon some place as the Vestry then present shall think proper."

June 25. "That a further consideration be thought on for a House for the use of the Poore."

July 28. "That the Churchwardens and Overseers do wate on Mr Rogers concerning a piece of ground wich Mr Rogers has Hinted would be agreeable to Build a Poore House on, in order to treet with him and report the same at the next Vestry.

Signed Morg^{n} Rice, Ch:Warden"
(and others).

Aug. 31. "The officers of the parish have waited on Mr Rogers concerning a piece of land to Build a Poore House on, and Mr Rogers gave for answer that he would furnish a piece of ground sutable for that purpose on reasonable terms when the parrish raised the money for that purpose. That the further consideration of the Vestry be postponded until this day wheek for the considering (the) way to Build a Poore House.

Signed Morga^{n} Rice, Ch:Warden."

Sept. 7. "Resolved that the undernamed Gentlemen be appointed a Committee to procure a Plan and Estimate for Building a Poor House.

Morgan Rice, Esq.	Saml Plumbe, Esq.
Thos Jefferies, Esq.	W^m^ Holmes, Esq.
Jno Rogers, Esq.	Thos Willis, Esq.
Mr Young.	Mr Stevenson.
Mr Lalande.	

And it was resolved that three or more of these Gentlemen be a Committee, and that a General Vestry be called on Monday, 21^st^, at five o'clock in the afternoon to receive their report.

Morgan Rice, Churchwarden"
(and others).

(NOTE. No meeting on the 21^st^. Vestry held on the 22^nd^, but no report recorded.)

'83, *Aug.* 6. "Resolved that better accommodation for lodging the poor shall be procured, and that a House be taken if possible for that purpose."

'84, *Feb.* 29. "A Motion was made by Mr Holmes, and seconded by T. Clarke, 'that the poor of this parish appear to be in such a distressed situation that it is necessary a poor-house should be built. It was therefore unanimously resolved that a Vestry be summoned for Sunday next, the 7^th^ day of March, and Mr. Evans desired to attend with his proposals for the Building the same.' And on the motion being put that a poor-house should be built, it passed unanimously in the affirmative."

March 7. "A Motion was made by Mr Loringe, and unanimously resolved in the affirmative, that 'a Poor House be built in this parish and the expense attending the same be chargeable upon the Rates and that application be made to Mrs Chivers for the fulfilling her former promise of a piece of ground to build the same upon, and also for her liberal offer of twenty pounds towards the defraying the expences attending the said building, and that Morgan Rice, Esq^r^ be requested to apply to

Mrs Chivers upon this business and report her Ans^{r} at a Vestry to be summoned for Sunday, the 14th inst., at one o'clock.'"

(Signed by the Ch:Wardens, Overseers, Surveyors and others, 15 in all.)

March 14. "Mr Chittenden attended and reported Mr Rice's Ans^{r} from Mrs Chivers, w^{ch} was 'that she had altered her mind respecting the offer formerly made for Building a Poor House, and therefore did not think proper to have anything whatever to do in the business.' In consequence of w^{ch} Ans^{r} it was resolved that application should be made to Mr Rice for a piece of ground to Build the same upon, and that he be particularly requested to attend a Vestry, summoned to be held on Sunday, 21st March."

(Signed by Ch:Wardens and others.)

March 21. "Mr. Rice, in consequence of application being made to him for a piece of land to build a Poor House upon, made an offer of two or three spots to the parish for their choice, but after duly considering the different circumstances attending them, the parishioners fix'd upon a piece of ground adjoining the gravel pits as more convenient, but it being supposed to be the property of the Trustees of the Turnpike, Mr. Holmes was requested to make application to them to give it to the parish to build their Poor House upon, but should it be found to be the property of the parish, application to be made to Mr Rice for the said purpose."

(Signed Ch:Wardens and others.)

March 28. "It is now unanimously resolved that no Poor House is to be built unless it's intended the poor should be let out at a certain stipend p^{r}

Head p^r^ Week to a person who will engage to employ them in constant work in a Manufactory."

"Mr Rice having very generously offered to give the parish the Reversion of a piece of ground, the corner of Mr Garrood's field, to build the poor-house upon, it was accepted and agreed to make application to Mr Garrood for his consent and to allow him a proper consideration for the same. Resolved the thanks of this Meeting be given to Mr Rice for his generous offer."

Apl. 4. "Application having been made to Mr Garrood for the corner of his field, he consented to give up his interest therein as now sketched out upon the parish paying him Two Guineas per annum, w^ch^ was unanimously agreed to."

Ap. 13. "A plan was produced for the building of a poor-house of the following dimensions: ground 41 foot in front out by 20 ft. 4 in. wide, first story 8 . 6, clean, chamber story 7 . 6, with a curb roof, the curb to be 6 ft. 6 in. high. Vestry adjourned to 25^th^."

Ap. 25. Adjourned to May 1^st^.

May 1. "Mr Overton, Mr Garrood, and Mr Kimber delivered into this vestry their terms for building the whole of the poor-house agreeable to the plan, etc., produced. Mr Overtons offer being the lowest, it was unanimously agreed to, and he was desired to deliver in the entire plan as now before us, and also sign such an agreement as the parish shall think proper for the performance of the contract, for w^ch^ business he is to be paid the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty pounds, half when the Building is covered in, and the other half within one month after it is finished. . . . In consideration of any damage that may be done to Mr Garroods crop in the field where the poor-house is to be

built, it is agreed to allow him £1. per rod for the quantity of land so damaged. It was also agreed to choose a committee to superintend the building, to consist of the following gentlemen, viz., Mr Rice, Mr Whitear, Mr Evans, Mr Willis, Mr Clarke, and Mr Blachford, and any other of the parishioners that think proper to attend, and when its necessary to have a Meeting three of the above members may proceed to business. It being thought necessary that Mr Overton should fix't (*sic*) upon a time for the finishing the building, he agreed to compleat the same by Michaelmas Day.

W^m^ Kimber, Churchwarden.

Jno Arnoll,	Thos Garrood,	Jos Overton,
W^m^ Garrood,	John Clarke,	Dan Blachford,
W Whitear,	Thos Willis,	W^m^ Holmes,
W^m^ Timson,	John Chittenden,	Morg^n^ Rice."

May 2. "A Motion was made by Mr Blachford and Seconded by Mr Avarn that y^e^ Churchwardens and Overseers be impowr'd to take a lease of y^e^ ground for y^e^ Workhouse from Mr Garrood on behalf of themselves, the parish, and their successors comformable to y^e^ agreement with y^e^ said Mr Garrood by y^e^ Vestry holden 4^th^ Apr 84."

March 26. "A proposal was made by Mr Esten on behalf of Mr Evans to farm the poor of the parish when the poor-house is finished, upon the same terms other parishes allow him for the maintainance of their poor, upon this promise, viz., that he is to have the liberty of putting the poor of Beddington and Sutton parishes into the same house with them, so far as the house will with convenience accommodate them, as shall appear agreeable to the Committee for regulating the poor-house.

Oct. 13. "Mr. Kimber moved that an oak fence of five foot to be put up by contract be ordered by the Vestry, which after debate was withdrawn."

Oct. 18. For the purpose of appointing a Committee for the management of the parish.

"A Motion was then made and seconded that a Committee be appointed for that purpose, which upon a debate and a division of 12 to 8 was carried in the affirmative.

:	Thos Whitear (Overseer),	Thos. Grimstone,
	Morg^{n} Rice,	Dan Blachford,
	W^{m} Timson,	Peter Frost,
	John Browne,	John Chittenden,
	Jos Turpin,	R. D. Bayley,
	Jos Overton,	Jno Humphries.
ainst:	Jno Avarn,	Isaac Wood,
	John Gover,	Jno Betts,
	W^{m} Garrood,	W^{m} Tyrrell,
	Jno Loringe,	John Gibsin."

"A Motion was then made and seconded that the gentlemen remaining upon the Committee for the superintending the building of the workhouse, together with the overseers and Churchwardens for the time being, be such Committee, with power to employ the poor of this parish as they may deem most conducive to their benefit, and for the advantage of the parish, with power to enter into any contract with any person or persons for that purpose for any time or term not exceeding three years. Any vacancy happening in the said committee to be filled up by the Vestry at large."

Dec. 14. The Committee for regulating the poor-house made a report of their having contracted with Mr Evans for the maintainance of the poor to commence at Christmas. First for three years as per an agreement entered into by him with the parish.

"A Motion being made by Mr Rice that the thanks of this Vestry be given to Mrs Chivers for her handsome gift of twenty-five pounds towards building the poor-house, it was unanimously carried in the affirmative."

1785, *March* 3. "The Committee appointed to inspect the poor-house laid before the Vestry sundry bills for work done to the poor-house over and above the sum contracted for as under, viz., Jos Overton, £42 . 3 . 3¼; Jos Ladd, £18 . 15 . 5; Sam Chalklin, £7 . 4 . 1; Edwd Terry, £5 . 10 . 6½, which Bills were ordered to be paid."

"Complaints being made by the poor of the badness and insufficiency of their provisions, the Committee are requested to attend and inspect the same."

Oct. 25. "The Committee appointed by the Vestry met, when the contract with Messrs Evans and Esten respecting the maintainance of the parish poor was compleated and signed."

Oct. 26. The above confirmed by Vestry.

"Mr. John Stracey and Wm Holmes nominated to fill vacancies on the Committee, Mr Thos Willis and John Brown having resigned."

1786, *April* 18. "The conveyance of the ground upon which the workhouse was built was executed by Morgan Rice, Esq, as a free gift to the parish."

Poor-house.

COST OF ERECTION, TAKEN FROM OVERSEERS' BOOK, 1784.

	£	s.	d.
Mr Overton per Contract - - -	270	0	0
Mr Overton Bill -	44	15	3
Mr Chalklin - -	7	4	1
Mr Perry - -	5	10	6
Mr Ladd - -	18	15	5
Mr Harrison - -	1	13	9
Mr Grimstone -	5	0	9
Mr Garrood - -	5	0	0
Morris Taylor work	0	11	0
	358	10	9

	£	s.	d.
Mrs Chivers donated - - -	25	0	0
Mr Whitear for Gravel - - -	0	8	9
Mr Morgan Rice for Gravel - -	2	6	8
Mr Arnoll for Gravel - - -	0	13	1
Mr Whitear for Herdels - - -	0	10	6

(NOTE. The remainder was paid out of the Poor Rate.)

JMMARY OF THE MINUTE-BOOK OF THE POOR-HOUSE COMMITTEE.

1814—1824.

:14. Any of the inmates going to work must bring the Mistress two-thirds of what they earn. Benj. Booker to have a loan of £5 to buy a horse, repayments at rate of £1 per month, overseers to hold horse as security.

16. The bed belonging to the late Ann Bartlett was ordered to be delivered up to Ann Careless, her daughter, agreeable to a resolution of a Committee of February 6, 1806.

(Ten years to carry out a resolution !)

17. Sarah Penfold was permitted to take away a small box and some other things of little value, given her by Elizabeth Hayward (who lately died in the poor-house), on paying the sum of 1/- by way of acknowledgment for the same, and to show the right of the parish thereto.

The poor-house barrow having been stolen, 10/- offered for its recovery, and one guinea on conviction of the thief.

19, *Oct.* 7. On account of the boundaries of the parish being perambulated this day there was no Committee. (Probably engaged at "The Mitre" or "Rising Sun"!)

:2. There being three women in the house recently

delivered of illegitimate children, the officers were recommended "to procure a party-coloured gown for them to wear as a punishment for their offence, as was formerly the custom in this parish."

Mrs Wright having resigned the position of Mistress, Esther Sessions was appointed.

1824. Mrs Sessions resigned and Ann Thomas elected in her place.

Summary of the Poor Rate Minute-Book.

1825—1834.

1826. Resolved "that four men in the poor-house be appointed to perambulate the roads from half-past eight o'clock in the morning to sunset, to prevent all gambling, remove all vagrants, and to sweep the following crossings daily when necessary, to take the duty alternately two by two per week according to the following regulations: The man who takes the south end of the parish, the crossing opposite Mr Proctor's, Wm Strachan's, the 'Rising Sun,' Mr Clark's, Mr Durst's and Mr Lord's; the other man opposite Mr Stevenson's, Mr C Chapman's, Mr Winder's to the Merton Road, Garratt Lane, and any other places where necessary." The following persons were directed to perform the duty: Thos Gunter, Robt Elmore, Edmd Best, Wm Tyrrell. "Church Lane as far as the church to be swept every Saturday afternoon."

1828. Mrs Thomas, late mistress of the poor-house, being deceased, Mrs Agnes Lomas, having 5 votes out of 7, was elected at the usual salary of £21 . 0 . 0.

1831. 20/- given to Wm Hiscock to buy a donkey and harness to enable him to support his two children.

1832. Edward Prestridge, junr, allowed 2/- and a tub (a

very primitive water-cart) to water the roads with. William Cutler 2/6 and an old police coat. A curtain was ordered for the committee-room.

1833. Resolved that this committee do request the use of the charity school-room and committee-room every evening. (The next meeting was held there.) The man who was provided with a tub was ordered 6 loaves, but he refused them; he was also offered work at 1/6 per day, which he refused; he returned to the charge, however, asked for relief, but was refused, he having refused to work and being insolent. John Barleycorn, junr, refused relief being intoxicated. Prestridge got an order to work, but asking for relief was refused, and so declined to work. Francis Miles refused relief being intoxicated. James Fletcher refused relief for being intoxicated on Sunday. A sub-committee appointed to examine into the expenditure of the poor-house, reports as follows: "That the allowance of bread to the men be reduced to 12 oz. per day, on trial for one month. That the allowance of beer to adults be reduced to 1½ pints per day. That all articles required for the poor-house and its Mistress, except those contracted for, shall only be supplied upon the order signed by two of the overseers."

CHRISTMAS CONTRACTS:

Bread, Watkinson and Piper. 1d. a loaf under (regular price).

Beef 3½ lb. } Betts. Butter 7¾ lb. } Watkinson.
Mutton 5 lb. } Cheese 4½ lb. }

Milk 10½ gal. Barnett.

1834. Wm Wren, Oatmeal 1/6 per gall.
Thos Watkinson, Pale Yellow Soap 56/- cwt.
„ „ Candles 6/- doz.
Thos Hicks, Beer 17/6 per barrel.

Widow Fruin having carried provisions out of the poor-house, resolved that she be not allowed to go out again for a fortnight. People having orders for bread had used them for other purposes. The Committee decide that in future only bread shall be given for such orders. Widow Pickett made complaint against Jas Dale for striking her in the poor-house. Referred to the magistrate. Dale was discharged from the poor-house next week.

SUMMARY OF POOR RATE MINUTE-BOOK.

1834—1836.

1834. John Hall having broken two ribs and his collar-bone, relieved with £3. The Committee went to the poor-house to investigate the quantity of bread used there, and decided that the Vestry must instruct the contractor to deliver in 4 lb. loaves, and flour in not less than half sacks.

1835. Isaac Ardley (? if the overseer in 1824) relieved with 2 loaves.

W Hiscock (see *ante*) gets 50/- to buy a donkey, cart and vegetables. Mr Allshorn allowed one guinea for his trouble in consequence of the committee meeting at the Schoolhouse. John Groves, who stated that he had been robbed of the 20/- given him at the previous meeting, receives 10/-. He gets 10/- the next week, and promises not to claim again for a year. Edward Haynes asked for relief to bury his child, but he earning 21/- per week is refused. The cost of provisions this year was bread per 4 lb. loaf 5¼, mutton 5½ lb., beef 3^{d} lb., butter 8^{d} lb., oatmeal 19/- cw^{t}, beer per barrel 14/-, candles 5/6 doz., soap 5½, cheese 5^{d}, milk 1/- gal. The Beadle to have 4/- for his attention to the Committee.

1836. The Vestry Clerk was instructed to write to the

Board of Guardians to say that the contracts expire on Midsummer Day next (10 days from meeting). The Overseers were instructed to take care of the Pall in the workhouse, as it was given for the use of the poor of the parish. The Overseers to take charge of and remove a trunk containing wearing apparel, also a book, silver spoon, and 2 wedding-rings now at the workhouse, and report the circumstances to the next Vestry. Two letters from the Board of Guardians were read requiring returns to be made to the next meeting. The Vestry Clerk was desired to make the necessary returns, and Mr Marchant was requested to present the same.

SUMMARY OF VESTRY MINUTES.

1838—1841.

838. The poor-house offered to be let at £36 per annum.

839. Reduced to £26.

840. The poor-house to be sold.

841. A Vestry was held on 2nd October, to take into consideration the disposal of the Workhouse. Resolved "that the Board of Guardians be requested to sell by Auction, and to place in the hands of Benjamin Field, their clerk, the Original Conveyance, dated April 18, 1785, under which the property is held by the Parish, in order to its being submitted by them to the Poor Law Commissioners according to their instructions, dated 16 April, 1841."

Resolved "that the Churchwardens be authorized, and they are hereby authorized to place the above mentioned deed of conveyance in the hands of the Guardians."

841. At a meeting of Ratepayers and Owners of Property in the parish entitled to vote by virtue of an Act in the 5th year of William IV., entitled "An Act for the Amendment and Better Administration

of the Laws Relating to the Poor in England and Wales," held Dec. 23, 1841, it was resolved by a majority of such ratepayers present in person or (as respects owners) by proxy at such meeting, that this meeting do consent to the Guardians of the Poor of the Wandsworth and Clapham Union selling the premises described in the margin thereof, under the provisions of an Act passed in the 6th year of the reign of his late Majesty King William IV., entitled "An Act to Facilitate the Conveyance of Workhouses and other Property of the Parish, of the Incorporations or Unions of the Parishes in England and Wales in such Manner and subject to such Rules, Orders, and Regulations touching such Sale, the Conveyance of such Property and the Application of the Produce arising Therefrom for the Permanent Advantage of this Parish as the Poor Law Commissioners shall in that Act direct."

For	Owners. Votes.		Occupiers. Votes.	
Joseph Proctor -	- 2	...	1	
Jno Chapman -	- 5	...	1	
W^m^ Williamson -	-	...	1	
Robt Clarke -	- 1	...	1	
S. C. Lord - -	- 1	...	2	
	9	+	6	= 15
Against.				
John Marchant -	- - -		1	
Alfred Smith -	- - -		1	
W^m^ Penfold -	- - -		1	
T. Littlejohn -	- - -		1	
			4	= 4
Majority for Sale	- -			11

Description of premises:

A piece or parcel of Freehold ground with the Workhouse thereon, in the parish of Tooting-Graveney, situate on the West Side of the High R^d^ leading from Tooting to Mitcham, containing by estimation one rood and one perch.

(NOTE. This is the house (see illustration on p. 257) which has been used as indicating the abode of Defoe in 1688, and yet it was built in 1784. *Verb. sap.*)



HILL HOUSE



CHAPTER XI.

BIOGRAPHY.

ANDERSON, REV. W., D.D., born 1826, died 1895. Dr. Anderson was born at Skene, in Aberdeenshire, coming from a good old Presbyterian stock. He was left an orphan in early life, and brought up by two uncles. At the University of Aberdeen he distinguished himself by his proficiency in logic and moral philosophy. His theological course was taken at Glasgow, but he did not assume ministerial duties at once; his ready pen was devoted to the controversy generally known as "The Morisonian." In 1852 he was ordained minister of a congregation at Sorn, and married a daughter of Mr. John Hendry. After a great financial loss by the failure of a bank, he removed to Tooting-Graveney, and accepted the charge of the congregation of Dissenters, where, in the chapel in the High Street, he laboured for twenty-eight years; but, then, after a protracted law-suit,* he gave up the church and manse, and removed his congregation to the Vestry Hall, where he continued until his death in 1895. He took great interest in the Vestry, and was a member for many years. He was also a local manager of the Board-School in Tooting-Graveney; and those associated with him in work can testify to the ability with which he entered into his many duties.

BATEMAN, SIR JAMES (died 1718), Sheriff of London and Middlesex, 1701, taking the place of Sir Peter Floyer, Kt., Goldsmith, who died in office, at which time Bateman was a member of the Loriners Company; Lord Mayor, 1716-17, and a member of the Fishmongers. Sir James was the son of Joas Bateman, who came from Flanders. He was M.P. for Ilchester, Alderman of Coleman Street Ward, Governor of the Bank and the South Sea Company. He married Esther, the youngest

* See Chapter on Dissenting Churches.

daughter of John Searle; she died in 1709.* He died in 1718, and was interred in great state at night (November 19), his corpse being attended by twenty coaches or more, with six horses each, and several mourners on horseback, and about 100 flambeaux.† His son, William, sometime M.P. for Leominster, was created in 1725 Baron Culmore and Viscount Bateman (Peerage of Ireland), and in 1731 a Knight of the Bath. He died in 1744, and was succeeded by his son, John, 2nd Viscount, and M.P. for Woodstock, who died without issue, and the estates passed to his cousin, William Hanbury, grandson of Anne, the eldest daughter of Sir James Bateman. He was created Baron Bateman (Peerage of the United Kingdom), and died in 1845, and was succeeded by his son William, the present peer.

BOLTON, SIR WILLIAM, Alderman, was Sheriff of London and Middlesex in 1660; Lord Mayor, 1666-67. He was a member of the Merchant Taylors Company, and came from Cheshire. The immortal Samuel Pepys, in his Diary,‡ December 3, 1667, says: "Sir Richard Ford this evening told us an odd story of the baseness of the late Lord Mayor, Sir William Bolton, in cheating the poor of the city out of the collections made for the people that were burned, of £1,800, of which he can give no account, which is the greatest piece of roguery that they say was ever found in a Lord Mayor."

In the Calendar of State Papers, 1667-68, p. 416:

"Petition of Sir William Bolton, Alderman, and late Lord Mayor of London, to the King, to call to account the Lord Mayor, etc., for their unjust proceedings in deposing him from his place as Alderman, and questioning him on his accounts of the moneys raised for relief of sufferers from the fire, although that cause is depending before the Commissioners for charitable uses. This malice arises from his Majesty's recommendation of him as Surveyor-General for rebuilding the city."

BOWDEN, REV. JAMES, born 1745, died 1812. Originally a minister at Fareham, he came to London in 1775; and in January, 1776, being on a visit to Tooting, was invited by Dr. Wilton to occupy his pulpit; and, Dr. Wilton having accepted another pastorate, he was invited to take charge of the Independent cause in the High Street. In 1793 his daughter, aged 17 years, died, and he preached her funeral sermon. A copy of the second edition title-page is as follows:

"The Hand of God acknowledged in the Loss of en- | deared Relatives, and such affecting Dispensations | improved.

* See p. 32. † *Mists' Journal*, November 22, 1718.

‡ Edited by Wheatley. London, 1894-97. 9 vols. Bell.

A | Sermon | occasioned by the much Lamented death of | Elizabeth Bowden | who departed this Life November 15, 1793 | aged Seventeen Years | Preached at | Lower Tooting, in Surry | November 24, 1793 | By James Bowden | 'I was dumb; I opened not my mouth because Thou didst it' | Psa. xxxix. 9 | 'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be | the name of the Lord' | Job i. 21 | Published at the request of many who heard it | Second Edition | London | Sold by J. Johnson St. Paul's Ch Yard and C. Dilly | in the Poultry | Price Ninepence," | 40 pp., crown 8vo.; dated in Preface, Dec. 5, 1793, sigs. a, b, c.

This daughter was of great help to her mother, who kept a boarding-school in the parish, and from the account of her in the *Evangelical Magazine* would appear to have been of a singularly spiritual temperament. In 1795 he lost a son, Thomas, upon the death of whom a funeral sermon was published. In 1797 Mr. Bowden founded the Surrey Mission, and to the day of his death took great interest in the work of the society. About 1810 internal dissensions took place in the congregation, and a few of its members set themselves in opposition to the pastor. This he took very much to heart, and at the same time his wife, who had been the hard-working mistress of a private boarding-school, began to be troubled with her sight. Entries in his diary show that he suffered a deal in spirit at this time; and in 1812, finding that a church meeting was being called by the deacons unknown to him, he resigned the pastorate, preaching his last sermon on February 23. During the next two months he preached in various parts of the country, and on April 5 he left Tooting in his usual state of health to preach at Hammersmith for Mr. Raffles. His text was, "Submit yourselves unto God." After about twenty minutes he was seized with an apoplectic fit, and expired the following morning. He had intended to have preached from the text, "Behold, I am at the point to die," but altered the text at the last moment.

Mr. Bowden, in his shorthand Diary, 1777, bears testimony to the air of Tooting. He had been on a visit here for some time, and had recovered his health, so that he was enabled to preach. He says: "I performed the journey from London to Fareham in a single horse chaise, in stormy weather and alone, with more ease than I could have expected; but I had not come in view of the sea from a little out of the town before I felt the return of the oppression on my lungs, attended with the relaxation of my nerves. These effects of the sea air prevailed so much that the short sermon I preached on the next day was delivered with great difficulty, and two days after I appeared like a person in decline." He lived at Tooting thirty-six years.

His son Richard edited a volume of "Sermons and Remains,"* 8vo., selected from his MS., which was reviewed at length in the *Evangelical Magazine*, 1814, p. 352.

His wife Deborah, born 1746, died 1820, aged 73, at the residence of her son-in-law, the Rev. David Washbourne, Hammersmith. Her funeral sermon was preached by Dr. Walter, at Hammersmith.

Three generations of the Bowdens are interred in a large vault in the old part of the churchyard—viz., Rev. James Bowden, for thirty-five years minister of the dissenting congregation in the village, April 6, 1812, aged 67; Deborah, his wife, January 27, 1820, aged 73; Rev. Richard Bowden, their son, January 20, 1830, aged 55; Richard Callow Bowden. son of Richard, 1866, aged 68; Elizabeth Bowden, aged 17, 1793, whose death occasioned the funeral sermon referred to; Thomas Bowden, aged 10, 1795, a brother of the last named.

Mr. Bowden also delivered and published a funeral sermon upon the death of Master Andrew Lee, October 24, 1811, aged 13 years—"The Advantage of an Early Acquaintance with Holy Scriptures."

DE LUDLOW, JANE (JOAN), the wife of Thomas De Ludlow the elder, died 1314. She was daughter by a second wife of Phillip, last Baron Marmion, died 1291.

DE LUDLOW, CATHERINE, daughter-in-law of above.

DE LUDLOW, MARGARET (born 1325), daughter of Thomas De Ludlow (born 1300), son of the above-named Jane De Ludlow, and therefore her grand-daughter. She married Sir John Dymoke, Champion of England, about 1350. He was knighted in 1373, and acted as Champion at the coronation of Richard II., although his right was disputed by Sir Baldwin de Freville. He died about 1381, and his widow put forward her son as Champion at the coronation of Henry IV. The son of Freville disputed his claim, but lost the day. Lady Dymoke died in 1417; her son died in 1422, having held office through two reigns, Henrys IV. and V.

DYMOKE, SIR PHILLIP, son of above, died 1455.

DYMOKE, SIR THOMAS (1428-1471) was murdered by Edward IV.,

* Among the subscribers to Mr. Bowden's volume of "Remains" were Mr. Bicknell, junior, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Strachan, R. G. Thomas, Esq., Mrs. Thomas, Rev. J. Tozer. These, the only representatives of Tooting-Graveney out of 174 names, would suggest that the parish did not invest very heavily in theology, however good it may have been. The total number of copies subscribed for was 209. The price in boards 12/-

he having failed with his father-in-law, Lord Wells, to stop his brother-in-law, Sir Robert Wells, raising an army in Lincolnshire in the cause of Henry VI. Both Dymoke and Wells took sanctuary at Westminster, but were pardoned. However, after Sir Robert had been beheaded on the field of battle at Edgecote, near Stamford, in 1470, they were with treachery done to death in 1471.

DYMOKE, SIR ROBERT, son of above, was restored to his father's possessions; was a Knight, Banneret and Champion at the coronation of Richard III., Henry VII., and Henry VIII., and was Sheriff of Lincolnshire; died 1546.

DYMOKE, SIR EDWARD, son of above, was Champion at the coronations of Edward VII., Mary, and Elizabeth.

DYMOKE, ROBERT, son of above, died 1580. Being in a weak state of health he was brought before the Bishop of Lincoln on a charge of recusancy, and died in prison.

DYMOKE, SIR EDWARD, died 1625, Champion for James I.; was son of above, and with him the manor of Tooting-Graveney passed out of the family.

FREEMAN, FRANCIS, Nonconformist (died 1726), accepted the pastorate of the dissenting cause in the High Street in 1696, and continued till his death in 1726. Two discourses by him are to be traced —"A Sermon on the Uncertainty of the Morrow," 8vo., 1714; and "A Funeral Sermon for Mrs. Cecilia Davy," 8vo., 1718.

The Registers for 1725* record the burial of Francis Freeman.

HEBDON, SIR JOHN (born 1621, died 1670), father of John Hebdon, churchwarden, overseer, etc., of the parish. (Tablet in the old church.) 1663, June. 6. Samuel Pepys in his Diary: "By and by comes Sir John Hebden,† the Russia Resident, to me, and I in his coach to White Hall to Secretary Morrice's to see the orders about the Russian hemp that is to be fetched from Archangel for our King. Hebden to-day in his coach did tell me how he is vexed to see things at Court ordered as they are by nobody that attends to business, but every man for himself or his pleasures. He cries up my Lord Ashby to be almost the only man that he sees to look after business; and with that ease and mastery that he wonders at him. He cries out against the King's dealing so much with Goldsmiths and suffering himself to have his

* An error in the entry.

† Sir John Hebdon had been knighted by Charles II. at Whitehall on May 30th of this same year. He had made a fortune in Russia by trade. Pepys spells the name Hebden.

ɔurse kept and commanded by them. He tells me also with what exact :are and order the state of Holland's* stores are kept in their yards, ınd everything managed there by their builders with such husbandry ıs is not imaginable, which I will endeavour to understand further, if I can by any means learn."

HENRY, REV. WILLIAM, born at Kirkintilloch, near Glasgow, April 22, 1784. His father was a deacon of the Independent Church in



REV. WILLIAM HENRY.

that town. At the age of seventeen he joined Robert Haldane's class for religious study in Edinburgh; from there he went to Glasgow to finish his studies, and for some time acted as assistant-master to the

* Hebdon had been Resident to the States General of the United Provinces in 1660.

Rev. Mr. Ewing. In 1808 he removed to Stirling, and in 1816 to Leith. In 1822, by the unanimous wish of the congregation, he became the pastor of the Tooting-Graveney Congregational Church, and remained with them till he died. He was corresponding secretary to the Home Mission Society. In 1830 he was taken with a severe illness, which tried his Christian fortitude. When visited on one occasion by the Rev. Mr. Marsden, the pious clergyman of Tooting Graveney, whose attention to him during the whole of his illness was unremitting, he observed that "Satan had been casting his fiery darts at him"; adding with emphasis, "They have been very *fiery ones*." Mr. Marsden remarked "that persons in affliction frequently erred in looking for the evidences of their Christian character, rather than directly to the Saviour," on which Mr. Henry exclaimed, "That is it! that is it!" And from that time the temptation by which he had been assailed seemed entirely to leave him. He died March 8, 1839, and was buried on the 15th in the burial-ground at the back of the chapel, where a stone is erected to his memory. The Rev. George Clayton, of Walworth, delivered the oration, and the funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Leifchild.

KINGSBURY, WILLIAM (born 1744, died 1818), undertook charge of the Independent Church for one year, except on the second Lord's Day in each month, when Mr. Thawyer took the services, and administered the Lord's Supper. In the *Gentleman's Magazine* for December, 1806, his sermon on the death of Mr. Towle, the Minister of Aldermanbury Postern Independent Church, was published.

LISLE, SAMUEL, D.D., born 1683. A Dorsetshire man. Educated at Blandford and Salisbury, afterwards Wadham College. B.A., 1703; M.A., 1706. Goodridge Exhibitioner, 1707. Elected Fellow and received orders as Deacon and Priest, 1707. Went as Chaplain to the Levant Company in the East, 1710. Returned to England, 1719, and became bursar of his college. Appointed Chaplain to Baron Onslow, 1720. Instituted Rector of Holwell, Tooting, and St. Mary Le Bow, in 1721; also Domestic Chaplain to Archbishop Wake, by whom, in 1724, he was appointed Archdeacon of Canterbury. Rector of Fetcham, 1726; Rector of Northolt, Middlesex, 1729. B.D. and D.D. Warden of Wadham College for five years. Consecrated Bishop of St. Asaph, 1744, in succession to Bishop Maddox, translated to Worcester. Translated to Norwich, 1748, to follow Bishop Gooch, translated to Ely. Died at Lisle Street, Leicester Fields, October 3, 1749; buried at Northolt. His preferments were rapid and many, and his portrait hangs in Wadham College Hall. He published several sermons, but his chief literary work was the collection of inscriptions during his

Eastern travels. These were published in Edmund Chishall's "Antiquitates Asiaticæ."

MANDUIT, ISAAC (died 1717), son of an ejected minister at Anstey, Devonshire. He succeeded Dr. Oldfield in 1692, and left in 1696 for Long Walk, Bermondsey. While at Tooting he published a discourse upon The Trinity. Mr. John Denton gave him this character: "I take modesty and learning to have the ascendant of all his virtues. He is never dry nor pumping, but always full and glowing. His discourse on The Trinity is a matchless piece. He is a solid divine and a good disputant."

MAYNARD, SIR JOHN (born 1592, died 1658) second son of Sir Henry Maynard, the secretary to Lord Burleigh, who was adviser to Queen Elizabeth. This is the same Lord Burleigh whom Macaulay in his review of his life by Nares* used so roughly.

Sir John entered the Inner Temple in 1610, but does not appear to have practised. He was of weak sight, but danced well, appearing in the Court masque on Twelfth Night, 1618-19. He was present at the siege of Bergen-op-Zoom. He composed a masque which was performed at York House, and again at Burley-on-the-Hill, 1624.

He entered Parliament in 1623-24, as member for Chippenham, for which borough he sat in the first Parliament of Charles I., and at the coronation was created a K.B., and appointed servant of the Privy Chamber, 1624-25. In the next Parliament he sat for Colne. He was a follower of Buckingham, and was a political pamphleteer. A discourse published about 1627 brought censure upon him from his patron, whom he represented as an enemy of the Society of Jesus. In 1637 he was the occasion of a row at a bowling-green, he striking Jack Craven for not paying a debt, and on Lord Powis interfering, thrashed him also.

When the King (Charles I.) quarrelled with Parliament he was on the Parliamentary side, and lent various sums of money towards their expenses, so says a contemporary tract (*Lawe's Subversion*).

He sat in the Long Parliament for Lostwithiel in 1647, and was a leader of the Presbyterian party in their struggle with the army, and was one of the eleven members charged by Fairfax with disaffection, (1647), but was readmitted the same year. On the army securing the ascendancy, he was arrested on a charge of levying an armed force within the City, and on the Speaker's warrant, sent to the Tower. An impeachment followed, 1647-48. In a letter to the Speaker he claimed

* "Memoirs of the Life and Administration of William Cecil, Lord Burghley." 3 vols., 1828-32.

for himself trial by jury, citing Magna Charta and Petition of Right. This claim he also made at the Bar of the House of Lords, and declined to kneel or acknowledge their jurisdiction. A fine of £500 was inflicted, and he was remanded to the Tower, from whence he issued several protests against the House of Lords having jurisdiction over Commoners. He was shortly after set at liberty, and took his seat in the House. In addition to his estate at Tooting, he had one at Walthamstow; Bradford, Yorkshire; and Isleham, Cambridgeshire; and a town house in Russell Street, Covent Garden.

He died on July 29, 1658, and was buried at Tooting-Graveney. In the Surveyors' Rate-Book, 1657, his name appears for the last time as paying a rate of 1. 09. 4., and the following year Lady Maynard, a daughter of Sir Thomas Middleton, and niece of Sir Hugh, of New River fame, who survived him, is rated at 2. 00. 6. His son, John, also appears in this year as rated at 00. 01. 6.; he was knighted 1660, and died 1664.

MILES, DR. HENRY, F.R.S., born at Stroud, in Gloucestershire, June 2, 1698. His parents were members of the Church of England, but his mind being awakened by serious impressions, after a study of the old Puritans, he attended the worship of the Protestant Dissenters. His education was not a liberal one in his early days, but his bent was toward study, and especially that of theology. He was chosen minister of the Tooting Church (Congregational or Presbyterian) in 1726, succeeding Mr. Freeman, but was not ordained to the pastoral office till 1731. In 1737 he went as assistant to Dr. Chandler, at the English Presbyterian Church in Old Jewry, for part of the day, but in 1744 gave this up and confined his attention to the church at Tooting-Graveney. In 1756 John Beesley was his assistant. He was a skilled linguist, well versed in Latin, Greek and Oriental languages, and was well acquainted with both sacred and profane authors, and had a fine taste for natural history, botany and experimental philosophy, and for this was elected a member of the Royal Society in 1743. He wrote several papers on philosophical subjects, but could not be prevailed upon to publish his sermons, except on occasion of a public charity in 1738. The Rev. Dr. Birch in his preface to Mr. Boyle's works, after giving an account of some considerable additions never before published, informs us "that the publick owes them to the Reverend and learned Mr. Henry Miles of Tooting in Surry and F.R.S."; and at the close he adds: "I must not conclude without returning my sincerest acknowledgments to Mr. Miles, to whose great labour, judgment and sagacity the conduct and improvements of this edition are chiefly to be ascribed." The University of Aberdeen, in 1744, con-

ferred upon him, without even his knowledge, the degree of D.D. He married late in life a lady with a considerable fortune, and she, with utmost tenderness and affection, devoted herself and her fortune to render his declining days as easy as his increasing weakness and bodily infirmities would permit. He died on February 10, 1763, in the 65th year of his age, *vide* "A | Sermon | occasioned by the | Death | of the Reverend | Henry Miles, D.D. and F.R.S., | Who departed this Life February 10, 1763, | in the 65th year of his age, | Preached at | Tooting in Surry, | February 27, 1763, | by Philip Furneaux. | London, | printed by J. Buckland in Pater-Noster Row; and | J. Waugh in Lombard Street, M.DCC.LXIII," | 40 pp. Text, 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8: "I have fought the good fight," etc. Also *vide* Wilson's "History of Dissenting Churches," vol. ii., pp. 384.

In the "Philosophical Transactions" of 1749 is a letter from Rev. H. Miles to the President, on the subject of the earthquake in that year. He says: "The first shock occurred in Februray which shook the houses and made the utensils tremble. The second took place on March 8 during summer heat. This time people were in bed and they distinctly felt their beds shaken from side to side."

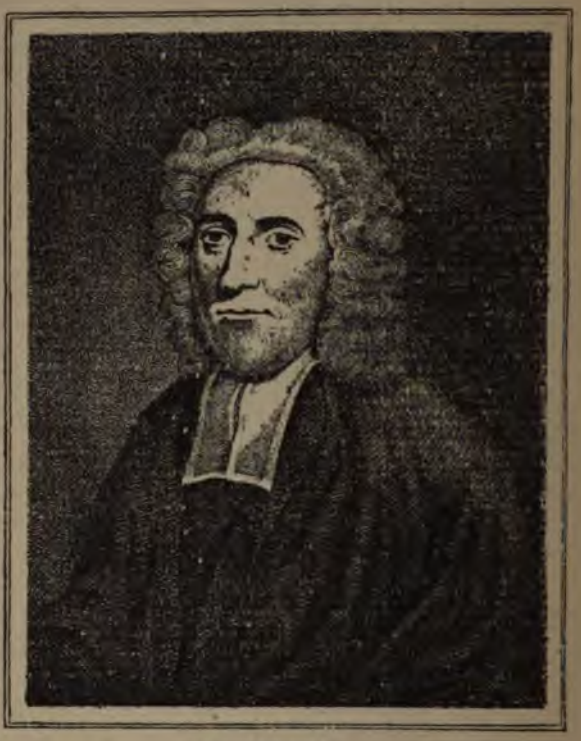
Mrs. Emma Miles, his widow (died 1790), built the present chapel during the ministry of Dr. Wilton, endowing the pastorate with £500, and it was opened on April 20, 1766. The garden behind was afterwards added and used as a burial-ground. This is now closed.

1758, the Registers record: "The Rev. Henry Miles, Doctor in Divinity, Bachelor, and Emma Wood, Spinster, both of this parish, were married in this church by Licence this 29 Day of Sept., 1758, by Thos. Barrow, Curate. Witnesses, John and Mary Beesley."

LORD NORTH AND GREY, the fifth Baron, died 1690. He was called to the House of Lords as Baron Grey, of Rolleston, co. Stafford, during the life of his father. He was succeeeded by his son William, who died in 1736.

OLDFIELD, JOSHUA, D.D., second son of the Rev. John Oldfield, who was ejected from Carsington, in Derbyshire, by the Act of Uniformity. He was born about 1656, and was one of four brothers, the eldest of whom conformed, the others went out. His mother was the sister of Mr. Porter, another ejected minister; she lived to a great age. He studied philosophy under Mr. Reyner, of Lincoln, and from thence went to Christ's College, Cambridge, and was under Doctors Henry More and Ralph Cudworth. He was chaplain to Sir John Gell, and afterwards tutor to Mr. Paul Foley, son of Speaker Foley, who offered him a church living, but he declined to conform. After this he was

chaplain to Lady Lort, sister of Lady Clinton; from thence he went to Ireland. His first charge was that of co-pastor with Samuel Doolittle to the Rev. John Turner at Leather Lane; from thence he came to Tooting, in 1686, to take charge of the Dissenting Church, and remained till 1691, during which time he preached a sermon at Grocers' Hall before Sir John Shorter, Lord Mayor of London. From Tooting he



DR. OLDFIELD.

went to Oxford, then to Coventry, and after that to Maid Lane, where he finished his life. He taught in schools at various parts of London, and in 1707 published a valuable work on "The Improvement of Human Reason." Edinburgh granted him his D.D. in 1709. At the famous Salters' Hall Synod of 1719 he formed the non-subscribing party, and presided at their meetings, publishing a pacific discourse upon the

a view to healing the differences of both parties. He died
, 1729, aged 73 years. His funeral sermons were preached
is from 2 Tim. iv. 8, and Dr. Hughes, from Isa. lvii. 2.
nclude "Christ the Head of Civil Government," 1699;
ief allayed by Public Joy" (no date); "An Essay towards
ment of Human Reason," 1707; "Israel and Judah made
m," 1707; "Sermon on Death of Rev. Robert Fleming,"
ast Sermon," 1721; Discourse on "God the Father, Son,
1721.

ALDERMAN SAMUEL, J.P. (born 1718, died March 1,
to reside in Tooting-Graveney in 1754. By trade he
r in Foster Lane, Cheapside, a member of the Gold-
pany, and Alderman of Castle Baynard Ward; resigned
'82. In 1776, Alderman Kirkham "being engaged in an
nilitia," desired to be excused serving the office of Sheriff,
n Plumbe was nominated instead. During the year 1770,
of the Goldsmiths' Company, he refused to obey a precept
or Beckford to convene the livery of the Company to a
. The Common Sergeant prosecuted on behalf of the
e case was tried before the Recorder in 1773. (Full
ven in Hughson's "London," vol. i., p. 605.) A verdict
the plaintiff, and in 1775 the appeal came on before the
peal at Sergeants' Inn. The case was adjourned to the
d Lord Chief Justice de Grey, Lord Chief Baron Smythe,
ston, and Mr. Justice Ashurst, delivered their judgment,
hat they were unanimously of opinion that the informa-
neous in many particulars, which they severally specified,
Alderman Plumbe, by neglecting to summon the livery of
hs' Company, of which he was Prime Warden, to attend
eckford, when Lord Mayor, at a common hall, had not
f any offence against his oath and duty as freeman; con-
judgment of disenfranchisement pronounced against him
's Court by the Recorder was by them reversed."
rd Mayor of London, 1778-79, and I find in a small book
Biography" (London, 1800) the following notes concern-

lumbe, Esq. Lord Mayor, 1779. He possessed nearly
ice as old Elves or the son of Bernard. In his Mayoralty
of the long-tubed fumigating bellows of his gardener to
candles in the ball-room at the Mansion House, when he
oung folks had had dancing enough; nor could the en-

treaties of his only daughter* prevent this ludicrous exposition. His answer was, however, paternal: 'A'nt it all for to make you good weight?'"

Another story told of him is, that during the year Sir William Plomer was Lord Mayor the office was disgraced by a boxing-match, occasioned by a dispute about a few pence on the subject of a pot-house reckoning. Alderman Plumbe having given Plomer the lie, Sir William complimented him with two black eyes. It was made the subject of a humorous caricature.†

He died at his town house in Golden Square. Mrs. Plumbe died, aged 85, on April 18, 1811.

ROPER-CURZON, HON. SIDNEY CAMPBELL HENRY, seventh son of the 14th Baron Teynham. Born 1810; married, 1837, Francis, daughter of Richardson Purves, Esq., of Sunbury Place, Middlesex; she died 1892. Lived at Grove House (now St. Leonards), and died 1882.

VENABLES, WILLIAM, Alderman of the Ward of Queenhithe. Admitted a Freeman of the City in 1810; to the Livery (Stationers' Company), 1814. Served the office of Sheriff, 1821-22, and Lord Mayor, 1825-26. He also sat for the City in Parliament. He resided at Hill House, Church Lane, and died in 1840.

WARAKER, REV. J. THOMAS, Pastor of the Congregational Church, 1842-52. "On Thursday, May 19, the Rev. J. T. Waraker was ordained to the pastoral charge of the church assembling at Tooting Chapel, Surrey. The Rev. J. E. Richards opened the service; the Rev. Jas. Hill, of Clapham, delivered the discourse and asked the usual questions; Rev. Thos. Jackson, of Stockwell, offered the Ordination prayer; Dr. Harris, of Cheshunt, delivered the charge; Rev. J. Churchill, of Thames Ditton, closed with prayer. In the afternoon more than 100 persons sat down to dinner at 'The Mitre' tavern."—*Evangelical Magazine*, September, 1842.

WILTON, SAMUEL, D.D., born in London 1744. His father was an eminent hosier in Newgate Street. His earliest education was ob-

* Married at Tooting-Graveney, June 10, 1792, to Henry Timson, Esq. The Registers record the marriage on August 3, 1773, of John Rice and Frances Plumbe (she a minor). The writer of "City Biography" had evidently omitted to ascertain if there were any daughters already married when he wrote "only daughter."

† This I have failed to trace.

tained at a ladies' school in Hackney, kept by a maiden aunt. His classical learning, in which he became very proficient, was received at Christ Church Hospital Grammar School, under the Rev. Mr. Townley. In June, 1766, he was ordained to the pastoral office at Lower (*sic*) Tooting, in succession to the learned Dr. Henry Miles. Dr. Kippis delivered the introductory discourse, Dr. Savage gave the charge, and Dr. Furneaux* preached to the people. He was a very hard-working minister, both as preacher and visitor of the poor, and the church soon increased under his control. He wrote several pamphlets, which were well received, and left Tooting in 1776 for Weigh House. Overwork undermined his strength, and he died in 1778, April 3, aged 34 years. He was interred in Bunhill Fields in the family vault. While at Tooting he preached and published a sermon occasioned by the death of Mr. Joseph Longhurst, gardener, June 18, 1769. It contains a very particular and instructive account of the life and death of a very worthy man in an obscure situation. Also "A Review of some of the Articles of the Church of England," to which a subscription is required of Protestant Dissenting ministers, 8vo., 1774.

WALTER LORD, ESQ. (died July 4, 1832, aged 72 years), was for twenty years churchwarden of the parish. He kept a private school at Fairfield House, and was a trustee of the charities, etc., of the parish. The Vestry books testify to his great interest in the welfare of the parish.

S. C. LORD, D.D., son of the above, was for sixteen years curate to Dr. Ravenhill, and churchwarden 1839-41. A tablet to his memory is in the church.

MR. WILLIAM WOMBILL was a well-known and much-esteemed inhabitant of Tooting-Graveney. It will be interesting to the many who still remember him to learn that he was born in 1806, and at an early age became a pupil of the celebrated animal painter, J. Baringer, of Tattersall's. He competed for and won the first medal of the Society of Arts, and during his professional career painted upwards of two thousand pictures for the leading nobility and gentry in various parts of England. Among his many noble patrons was the famous Lord George Bentinck. At Mr. Theobald's famous racing stud, at Stockwell, he painted for several years, and it was interesting to hear

* Both the discourse of Dr. Kippis and the sermon of Dr. Furneaux were published in 8vo., 1766.

him speak of the celebrated men he came in contact with, and for whom he painted. About the year 1845 he came to Tooting-Graveney, and at once began to take a great interest in the parish, and for over forty years held various appointments in the then little country village. Up to the last he took the deepest interest in the place. He passed peacefully away on August 13, 1891, at the ripe old age of 87.



THE RESIDENCE OF THE LATE MR. WILLIAM WOMBILL.*

* This is one of the oldest houses in the parish, it having been built about 120 years ago.



CHAPTER XII.

DISSENTING CHURCHES.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Second only to the parish church in the matter of antiquity stands the church of Protestant Dissenters worshipping in the chapel erected by Mrs. Emma Miles, in 1766. The congregation was formed by the Nonconformists of this village in the year 1688, one of the chief leaders being Joshua Gearing, citizen of London, who resided here in a house facing the Green. He was the maternal grandfather of Calamy, the historian of Nonconformity, and was sturdy and true to his principles, serving the secular offices of the parish with honour and probity, but paying a fine rather than fulfilling that of Churchwarden, although he was careful to re-register his daughter in the church registers, as the church in which she was baptized in the City had been burnt in the Great Fire.

The first pastor was the Rev. Joshua Oldfield, D.D., a son of an ejected minister; a man of great piety and power.

The meetings of this body were at first held in a private house, as was the case in many such bodies at that time, when persecution was still rife in the land. The Toleration Act of 1689 was the dawn of a brighter chapter in the history of Nonconformity. As will be judged by the biographies of the various ministers of this body, there

does not appear to have been any decided article in the constitution of the church, which prevented the congregation calling upon either a Presbyterian or Independent to take pastoral care. The chief aim of those in fellowship was to secure the services of holy and godly men to minister to their spiritual needs. Wealthy, or at any rate well-to-do inhabitants of the parish, as will be seen from the books of records still extant, were members of the congregation. The following is a complete list of the pastors.

(*Lysons* mentions Matthew Clarke as having been pastor, but this is incorrect. He lived here for some years, and probably acted as pastor without appointment between the death of Francis Freeman and the election of Dr. Miles.)

MINISTERS.

1686-1691. Oldfield, Joshua, D.D. (See p. 297.)
1692-1696. Manduit, Isaac. (See p. 287.)
1696-1726. Freeman, Francis. (See p. 284.) From the registers he appears to have been buried 1725, not 1726.
1731-1763. Miles, Henry, D.D., F.R.S. (See p. 288.) He acted as pastor several years before he was ordained.
1764-1765. Kingsbury, Wm. (See p. 286.)
1766-1776. Wilton, Samuel, D.D. (See p. 292.)
1776-1812. Bowden, James. (See p. 281.)
1813-1822. Tozer, J.
1822-1839. Henry, Wm. (See p. 285, and portrait.)
1840-1842. Taylor, J.
1842-1852. Waraker, J. T.
1852-1861. Thomas, F. F.
1861-1889. Anderson, Wm., D.D. (See p. 280.)
1889-1893. Mearns, A.
1893——. Allen, Bevill.

By the favour of the deacons of the church, I am en-

abled to supply the following notes, taken from their minute book:

At a church meeting held on the 2nd day of January, 1842, in the Vestry of Tooting Chapel, it was proposed and carried unanimously: "That we as a Church being assembled, after due notice being given of the object for which we are met, do respectfully and cordially invite Mr. Waraker to take the pastoral office." (He came from Cheshunt College.)

Among those who were members, there was Mr. Foster, died, 1845; Mrs. Foster, died, 1844; Mr. Garrood; Mr. Josh. Gates, and Mr. Marchant. In 1845, the members' pence was divided between the Surrey Mission and the Home Missionary Society. In 1847 it was decided to either elect new managers or deacons in their stead. The deacons first elected were Messrs. J. Marchant, E. Medcalf, E. E. Porter, and J. G. Smith. In 1848 it was decided that any member absenting him or herself from the Lord's Table for six months, except from illness or absence from home, or any unavoidable cause, shall be considered to have resigned membership. 1850. The members' pence divided between the Surrey Mission and incidental expenses; in 1851 devoted to lighting the chapel with gas.

Mr. Lucas offered to redeem his annual rent charge of £10, in order to aid in the erection of a dwelling-house for the minister. Meeting concurred. Mr. Waraker resigned the pastorate, going to Maitland, South Australia. In 1852 the Rev. F. F. Thomas, of Whitchurch, Hants, was elected pastor. Mr. Thomas desired to be absent five Sabbaths in the year. The congregation agreed to provide a substitute without any further call on the incidental expenses. The members' pence fund devoted towards the cost of the iron palisades which replaced the brick wall.

In a list of "The stated and occasional members of the Church of Christ at Tooting-Graveney, in the county of

Surrey," there are the following names, which occur in the pages of this work:

James Graham, died 1769, aged 77 years, 11 months, and 9 days; James Graham, died 1777; Joanna Croger, died 1792; Mary Tamplin, died 1773; Emma Miles, died 1790; Joseph Longhurst, died 1769; Catherine Bond, senr., died 1770 (the family removed to Clapham); James and Frances Bicknell suspended "for an unbecoming walk and conversation," John Croger; Rev. James Bowden and Deborah Bowden, his wife; John Marchant; Mr. Gibling; Mr. Garrood, died 1843.

Among those buried in the chapel ground are Miss Kezenhassk Howard, died 1851; Mr. E. C. Porter (a deacon), died 1848; Thurza Rose, died 1847; Mary Eastland, died 1849; Wm. Lee (son of Rev. W. Lee) died 1847.

In the Baptismal Register appears the following:

William Philips, son of William Philips by Elizabeth, his wife, born Feby. 21st, 1767, in the evening, in the parish of Mitcham, according to the method used by the Antipædobaptists solemnly devoted to God by prayers and named, July 23, 1767, by me, SAMUEL WILTON.

Caroline Bond, daughter of John Bond, Esq., by Sarah his wife, was born Dec. 1st, 1775, in the parish of St. Olive, Hart Street, and baptized Dec. 22, 1775, by SAMUEL WILTON.

(*Copied from Mr. Wilton's notes by J. Bowden.*)

1879. Dr. Anderson discontinued summoning church meetings.

1881. On the strength of a resolution passed at a "meeting of the congregation on the 14th February, 1881," the Presbytery of London irregularly recognised the congregation as a constituent part of the Presbyterian Church of England.

1888. In the Court of Chancery, on March 1, 1888, Mr. Justice Kekewich declared that this property was to be

held, used, and enjoyed, as if "no such meeting had been held, and no resolution for an admission to the fellowship of the Presbyterian Church of England had then, *or at any time*, been passed."

Now, in regard to the oft-repeated assertion that Daniel Defoe (the author of "Robinson Crusoe") was the prime mover in the formation of a Nonconformist cause in this parish, the church was formed in 1688, and Dr. Oldfield was its first pastor. Daniel Foe began business in the City as a wholesale hosier, in 1685. He was out with Monmouth early in the same year. When William of Orange came over, in 1689, Foe was one of those who rode to meet him, and who afterwards formed part of his escort to the city. He became a bankrupt in 1692, afterwards living in Bristol.

Though it has been assumed that Defoe (he adopted this form of name later in life) lived in Tooting-Graveney, a careful search through all the parish books from the date of his birth, in 1661, to that of his death, in 1731, has failed to bring to light any record of his having resided in the parish. As will be seen from Chapter X., the house associated with his name in the various lives published in the early part of this century could not have been his residence. He certainly may have been a visitor at some period to Joshua Gearing, himself a City man, who lived here in a house facing the village green. In the absence of any proof to the contrary, I am compelled to remove this ancient historical landmark, and to deprive the parish of any claim upon the memory of the illustrious Daniel.

The MISSION HALL in the Merton Road was at one time a Calvinistic Chapel; it is now a mission hall in connection with Miss Bell's work in the district.

The GOSPEL HALL in the Longley Road was erected in 1884. They have no stated minister.

BAPTIST CHAPEL, LONGLEY ROAD. — The Baptist

Chapel in Longley Road was founded in 1880, and a schoolroom erected in 1882. Later on, 1884 or 1885, an iron church was added, and now stands. The first pastor was the Rev. J. T. Witney, who left in 1886, and was succeeded by the present pastor, the Rev. G. Hunt Rumsey, in 1888. A Sunday-school is held in the original building.

PROVIDENCE STRICT BAPTIST CHAPEL, THE GROVE.—The congregation was formed and chapel erected in 1862. The first pastor was Mr. Hy. Welch; Mr. G. W. Crutcher is the present pastor.



CHAPTER XIII.

BETTS *v.* THOMPSON.

THE following letter, addressed to the Vestry of Tooting-Graveney, sums up in a few words the details of the last attempt to encroach upon the rights of the parish to the Tooting-Graveney Common. Those readers who have closely followed "The Manorial and Vestry" chapters of this work will see that to the last the inhabitants of this village asserted their rights to the use of the common, and were in 1870 just as eager to sustain those rights as they were in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

28, BEDFORD ROW, LONDON, W.C.
4th August, 1870.

GENTLEMEN,

We have been requested to prepare and forward you the following Report of the circumstances attending the attempted Inclosure of Tooting-Graveney Common by the Lord of the Manor.

In 1861 Mr. Thompson became purchaser of the Manor (together with seven Copyhold Houses or Cottages producing a net rental of about £100 a year) for the sum of £3,650. Within three months after the completion of the purchase Mr. Thompson applied to the Inclosure Commissioners for an Inclosure of the Common under their then existing powers (now abolished, so far as the

Metropolitan Commons are concerned, by Act of Parliament). The object of this application was stated by Mr. Thompson to be "to render the Common more productive and possibly for building purposes." Three preliminary meetings were held, but the Commissioners never accorded their sanction, and the Steward of the Manor (Mr. Bird) admitted before the Committee of the House of Commons in 1865 that the Commissioners had "a strong feeling" against the proposed Inclosure. In the summer of 1863 a Committee of Gentlemen, acting on behalf of the Inhabitants opposing the proposed Inclosure, invited Mr. Thompson to join in a scheme under which the Common should be managed entirely in the interest of the Inhabitants, the Committee undertaking to reimburse Mr. Thompson his purchase-money with interest and expenses. This proposal Mr. Thompson declined, and the sum of £30,000 was mentioned as the value of his purchase. Several actions at law were subsequently commenced by Mr. Thompson with a view of maintaining his right to inclose the Common without the assistance of the Inclosure Commissioners or of Parliament or the sanction of the Commoners. Much negociation and correspondence then ensued, but without any definite arrangement being come to, and meanwhile Mr. Thompson in November, 1865, took the law into his own hands by inclosing 25 acres of the Common without any sanction or agreement whatever, and in spite of written protests to the contrary. Matters remained in that unsatisfactory condition till the 22nd May, 1868, when a Public Meeting was held at the Infant School Rooms, Broadway, Tooting-Graveney, in compliance with a requisition addressed to the Rector and Churchwardens, and signed by a numerous and influential body of Parishioners and others interested in the Common, "to consider the recent Inclosures by the Lord of the Manor and to discuss what measures, if any, ought to be taken

with reference to that Inclosure." The meeting was numerously attended and a Committee appointed "to protect the rights and interests of the Commoners and Inhabitants of Tooting-Graveney in the Common and waste lands of the Manor, with authority to take such measures to that end as they may be advised." In the month of June following the obnoxious fence was broken through in several places,* Actions of trespass were commenced by the Lord of the Manor, and on the 10th July following a Bill was filed by Mr. Thomas Betts, on behalf of himself and all other freehold tenants of the Manor and all other owners of freehold lands and tenements within the Ambit of the Manor entitled to Commonable rights, against Mr. W. J. Thompson, the Lord of the Manor, with a view of having the rights of all parties fairly and judiciously determined and of abating the Inclosure attempted by the Lord. The Defendant filed his Answer on the 15th February, 1869, and the Cause came on for hearing before the Master of the Rolls on the 8th June last and four subsequent days. The Judge reserved his decision, and finally on the 21st July last he pronounced a Decree in favour of the Plaintiff in the terms of the Prayer of the Bill, with Costs against the Defendant.

A Public meeting was held at the Infant Schoolrooms, Tooting-Graveney, on the 2nd instant, when among other resolutions the enclosed was passed unanimously.

We are, Gentlemen,
Your obedt Servants,
GADSDEN & TREHERNE,
Plaintiff's Solicitors.

* About the year 1869 part of Tooting-Graveney common was enclosed by posts and iron railings, the furze cleared off, ground levelled, and oats sown. When the oats blossomed, notice was given that the public would enforce their rights. At a given day and hour the inhabitants assembled with their cattle, one of the posts nearest Streatham

Proposed by Mr. Thom
Seconded by Mr. Alston
and carried unanimously,

That this meeting remembering the jealous care with which this parish has from time immemorial guarded the common from spoliation as evidenced by frequent entries in the Vestry Books, and in particular by the spirited and successful action taken by the parish authorities in 1815 to prevent the then attempted inclosure by the Lord of the Manor, would earnestly impress upon the Churchwardens and other the parish authorities the importance of summoning a vestry meeting for the purpose of recording in the Vestry Books their approval of the suit so successfully prosecuted by Mr. Betts* for the preservation of the Common, and their determination to resist by all lawful means in their power any further attempts at aggression on their rights.

TOOTING-GRAVENEY COMMON.

Copy—Resolution passed at a meeting of the General Committee of the Tooting-Graveney Common Preservation Society held on the 7th of February, 1872, at which the following Gentlemen were present, namely, Mr. Henry Doulton in the Chair, Messrs Thom, Treherne, Brown, Martin, Betts, Barringer, Norris & the Secretary.

It was proposed by Mr. Thom:
Seconded by Mr. Treherne & carrried unanimously:
That the Committee recognising the special importance to the parishioners of Tooting-Graveney of having their

Lane (Tooting-Bec Road) was sawn through at the surface of the ground, and kicked inwards, then the cattle were driven in. There was no disturbance, the police present taking the names and addresses of those immediately concerned.

* The case was tried before Lord Romilly, Master of the Rolls; the late Lord Selborne, then Sir Roundell Palmer, Mr. Joshua Williams, Q.C., and Mr. A. P. Whateley were for the plaintiff.

Common preserved free from Inclosure as evidenced by the frequent entries recorded in the Vestry Minutes of the jealous care with which they for centuries have opposed any attempt at inclosure shall request the Churchwardens of the parish to summon a special vestry meeting for the purpose of obtaining a formal and emphatic expression of the satisfaction of the Parishioners at the success of Mr. Betts' proceedings and of their desire to afford the Committee all possible support and co-operation in their endeavours to promote a scheme for finally securing the Common for public enjoyment and recreation and that with this view the Secretary be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Vestry Clerk of Tooting-Graveney Parish as also a copy of the Judgment of the Lord Chancellor* and copies of the report in the local paper of the Dinner given to Mr. Betts.

* Judgment of the Lord Chancellor (Lord Hatherley) August 2, 1871, on the appeal: Each party to pay their own costs both in action and appeal.

CHAPTER XIV.

LIST OF PARISH OFFICERS, ETC.

RECTORS.

PRIORS of St. Marie Overie who were Rectors of Tooting-Graveney from 1174 to 1540.*

1174-1189. Valerianus.
1189-1203. William de Oxenford.
1203-1205. Richard de St. Mildred.
1205-1206. William Fitz Samari.
1206-1218. Martin.
1218-1223. Robert de Oseney.
1223-1240. Humphrey.
1240-1253. Eustachius.
1253-1266. Stephen.
1266-1283. Alan.
1283-1306. William Wallys.
1306-1326. Peter de Cheyham.
1326-1331. Thomas de Southwark.
1331-1348. Robert de Welles.
1348-1359. John de Peckham.
1359-1395. Henry Collingbourne.
1395-1397. John Kyngeston.
1397-1414. Robert Weston.
1414-1452. Henry Werkeworth.
1452-1462. John Bottisham.

* Thompson's "History and Antiquities of St. Saviour's."

1462-1486. Henry de Burton.
1486-1491. Richard Briggs.
1491-1499. John Reculver.
1499-1512. Richard Michell.
1512-1513. Robert Shouldham.
1513-1540. Bartholomew Linstede, *alias* Fowle.

The following have been inducted since the dissolution of the monasteries.

1602. John Bond.
1613. Henry Byrd, M.A.
1620. Robt. Maned.
1641. Morgan Hopton.
1650. Rowland Gawen.
1661. Benj. Lowell.
1663. Rich[d] Bickley.
1683. Hon. George Berkeley.
1687-1719. Timothy Turner, M.A.
1720-29. Samuel Lisle, D.D.
1729-69. Nicholas Brady.
1769. Henry Allen, D.D.
1798. Geo. F. Barlow.*
1800-5. Robert Broadley, B.A.
1805-33. John Ravenhill, D.D.
1833-44. J. Buxton Marsden, M.A.
1844-67. Richard Wilson Greaves, M.A.
1867-75. John Congreve, M.A.
1875-80. George Sutton Flack, M.A.
1880-93. Edward Howard Morton, M.A.
1893—. Evelyn Howard Morton, M.A.

ASSISTANT CURATES.

It is impossible to vouch for the exactness of the dates preceding these names, as there does not appear to be any record kept of the commencement or close of their period of service.

1683. Richard Slater.
1684. Robt. Bayley.
1689. Jo. Mockmath. (?)
1696. Saml. Piggott.
1724. John Lidgould.
1727. Edw. Ballard.
1727. Henry Cotton.
1747. Nich. Brady, Junr.
1747. Thos. Vincent.
1748. Thos. Barrow.

* Signs a Churchwarden's Book as "Rector."

1766. James Lacey.
1769. Anth. Thomas, LL.D.
1775. John Bulman.
1775. F. Haultain.
1776. G. S. Pender, A.M.
1779. John Jenkins.
1780. Benj. Grisdale.
1784. Francis Wilson.
1789. Geo. Francis Barlow.
1791. Thos. R. Wrench.
1795. John Jas. Watson.
1799. H. T. Parker.
1800. Wm. Michell.
1808. W. Rayer.
1811. J. C. E. Graves.
1811. E. M. Willan.
1812. H. J. Symons, LL.D.
1813. J. Whelley.
1817. S. C. Lord, D.D.
1833. J. B. Marsden.*
1841. Joseph Ketley.
1850. G. M. Brough.
1852. Henry C. Deshon.
1854. E. R. Moncrieff.
1855. C. E. Ranken.
1856. F. A. Johnson.
1857. H. Brass.
1859. J. Reynolds.
1860. G. W. Hills.
1860. S. Gray.
1862. F. O. White.
1866. S. Swinford.
1867. E. H. Jones.
1870-73. W. Tipton.
1885. F. L. Goslett, M.A.
1887. J. J. Davies, B.A.
1888. W. W. White, M.A.
1893. G. R. Harrison.
1893. J. Fagan.
1894. F. Brindley.
1894. R. S. Lovell.
1894. W. Parry.
1895. W. R. Daine, M.A.
1896. H. L. Babington.

CHURCHWARDENS.

(Churchwardens were first appointed by the Synod of London, A.D. 1127.)

1547-50. Thomimas Blake, Wyllym Hodson.
1551-53. Roger Marshall, Rychart Kynston.
1641. Charles Allen, John Matthews.
1645. Charles Allen (signs C. A., his mark).
1646-50. Edward Sares, Robert Lin.
1651. George Endebrook, John Couchman.
1652. George Endebrook, Thomas Brome.
1653. Thomas Brome, Edward Dudson.
1654. Edward Dudson, Charles Allen.

* Afterwards Rector.

1655. Charles Allen (d. May 2), Geo. Endebrook (elected May 7), Nicholas Lynn.
1656. Nicholas Lynn, Edmund Saers.
1657. Edmund Saers, Humphry Pledg.
1658. Humphry Pledg, John Coldham.
1659. John Coldham, William Long.
1660. William Long, George Endebrook.
1661. George Endebrook, Edward Linton.
1662-63. Edward Elderfield, Edward Linton.
1664. Edward Elderfield, Tho. Olliver.
1665. Thos. Olliver, Edmund Sayers (*sic*).
1666. Edmund Sayers (*sic*), Edward Rants.
1667. Edward Rants, Edward Sares.
1668. Edward Sayres (*sic*), Humphry Pledge (*sic*).
1669. Humphry Pledge (*sic*), John Hebdon.
1670. *John Hebdon, John Wilson.
1671. †(Joshua Gearing), John Hebdon, William Roades.
1672-3. William Roades, John Hawkins.
1674-5. Thomas Ansell, John Williams.
1676. Charles Linton, John Williams.
1677. Ffrancis Pledge, Thomas Sanders.‡
1678. Thomas Sanders, John Couchman.
1679. John Couchman, Edward Sares.
1680. Edward Sares, Walter Sanham.
1681. Walter Sanham, John Banckham.
1682. John Banckham, Richard Lane.
1683. Richard Lane, Jno. Wilson.
1684. John Wilson, Edward Elliott.
1685. Edward Elliott, Peter Elderfield.
1686. Peter Elderfield, Edmond Cooke.
1687. Edmond Cooke, Thos. Oliver.
1688. Thomas Oliver, Wm. Ely.
1689. Wm. Ely, Thos. Man.

* Rebound the Parish Registers.

† Elected, but declined to act, and paid £3 fine towards repairs of Church.

‡ High Sheriff.

1690. Thos. Man, Nicho. Lynn.
1691. Nicho. Lynn, Joseph Costall.
1692. Joseph Costall, Tho. Jeffs.
1693. Tho. Jeff, Wm. Skarle.
1694. Wm. Skarle, Robt. Shepherd.
1695. Robt. Shepherd, Wm. Rhodes.
1696. Wm. Rhodes, Charles Leane.
1697. Charles Leane, Wm. Frith.
1698. Wm. Frith, Edw. Seares (*sic*).
1699. Edw. Seares, Isaac Brand.
1700. Isaac Brand, Thomas Scawen.*
1701. Deputy Joseph Scriven, Sir Jas. Bateman.
1702. Nic. Lynn, Jun. (for Sir Jas. Bateman), John Midgee.
1703. John Midgee, Saml. Taylor.
1704-7. Cha. Linton, Edw. Seares.
1708. Edw. Seares, Jno. Hester.
1709. Jas. Midgee (for Mr. Hester), Mr. Movillion.
1710. Thos. Ansell (for Mr. Stephen] Movillion),‡James Varley.
1711. James Varley, Thos. Ansell.
1712. Thos. Ansell, John Man.
1713. John Man, John Lynn.
1714. John Lynn, Richd. Whitland.
1715. Richd. Whitland, Benj. Moore.
1716. Benj. Moore, Tho. Shepherd.
1717. Tho. Shepherd, Wm. Pallmer.
1718. Wm. Pallmer, James Grove.
1719. James Grove, John Crecy.
1720. John Crecy, John Peele.
1721. John Peele, Richard Smith.
1722-3. John Hutt, Wm. Bignell.
1724. D. Wilmott, John Morley.
1725. John Morley, Tho. Earl.

* As alderman, Sir Thos. Scawen in 1712 was fined for not taking further civic honours.

1726. Wm. Shorter, John Gibling.
1727. John Gibling, John Colt.
1728. John Colt, William Bignell.
1729. Wm. Bignell, Ant. Merry.
1730. Ant. Merry, Richd. Tuggy.
1731. Richd. Tuggy, John Man.
1732. John Man, Thos. Orsby.
1733. Thos. Orsby, Wm. Bignell (for Mr. Wilmott).
1734. Wm. Bignell (for D. Wilmott), Wm. Ansell.
1735. Wm. Ansell, Wm. Devon.
1736. Wm. Devon, Jno. Colt.
1737. John Colt, Wm. Grover.
1738. Wm. Grover, Benjamin Bond.
1739. John Gibling (for B. Bond), Ant. Merry.
1740. Ant. Merry, E. Kempton (for Francis Salvador).
1741. Edw. Kempton (for F. Salvador), John Draper.
1742. John Draper, James Pearson.
1743. James Pearson, Ant. Merry.
1744. Edw. Kempton, Cornelius Weaver.
1745. Cornelius Weaver, Thos. Shepherd.
1746. Thos. Shepherd, Richd. Tamplin.
1747. Richd. Wheatley, Richd. Tamplin.
1748. Richd. Tamplin, Wm. Puplett.
1749. Wm. Puplett, James Wilson.
1750. Jas. Wilson, Thos. Shell.
1751. John Greenfield, Thos. Shell.
1752. Jno. Greenfield, Jas. Wilson (for Sir Jno. Kemp, Bart.).
1753. James Wilson (for Sir Jno. Kemp, Bart.), Francis Willcox
1754. Francis Willcox, Peter Hamond.
1755. Francis Hutchins, Richd. Tamplin (for Peter Hamond.
1756. Richard Tamplin (for Francis Hutchins), Edw. Kempton (for Thos. Harrop).
1757. Edward Kempton (for Mr. Harrop), Jno. Wymer.

1758. Jno. Wymer, James Graham.
1759. Jno. Arnoll, James Graham.
1760. Jno. Arnoll, Robt. Hart.
1761. Jno. Avarn, Robt. Hart.
1762. John Avarn, Saml. Plumbe.
1763. Morgan Rice, Samuel Plumbe.
1764. Morgan Rice, Thos. Garrood.
1765. Thos. Walker, Thos. Garrood.
1766. Thos. Walker, Wm. Waller.
1767. Paul Palmer, Wm. Waller.
1768. Wm. Waller, Edward Crutchfield.
1769. Edwd. Crutchfield, John Gover.
1770. John Gover, Wm. Jelfe.
1771. Wm. Jelfe,* John Loringe.
1772. Dionysius Bosten, Jno. Loringe (resigned), John Croger.
1773-4. John Rogers, John Ridge.
1775. John Rogers, Richard Panton.
1776. Richd. Panton, John Gover.
1777-8. Morgan Rice, John Gover.
1779. Morgan Rice, John Arnoll.
1780. Thos. Garrood, Wm. Witton.
1781. John Arnoll, H. Lalande.
1782. John Stracey, Wm. Witton.
1783. John Loringe, Wm. Kimber.
1784. G. E. Charpentier, Wm. Kimber.
1785-6. W. Holmes, Thos. Whitear.
1787-8. John Clarke, John Avarn.
1789. John Avarn, D. Blachford.
1790. John Avarn, W. Timson.
1791. John Avarn, W. Powell.
1792. W. Wanstall, John Avarn.
1793. John Avarn, Robt. Bridges.
1794. John Avarn, W. Smart.
1795. John Avarn, Richd. Bayley.

* Died. Succeeded by J. Gover.

1796. James Blake, John Avarn.
1797-8. John Avarn, Thos. Sanders.
1799. Walter Lord, John Avarn.
1800. John Betts, John Avarn.
1801-2. Jas. Blake, Jas. Overton.
1803-4. Jas. Blake, David Hambelton.
1805. Jas. Blake, Joseph Davies.
1806-7. Jas. Blake, John Piper.
1808. Jas. Blake, Percival Evans.
1809. Jas. Blake, Wm. Houghton.
1810. Jas. Blake, d. (Walter Lord), Wm. Houghton.
1811. Walter Lord, Robt. Hicks.
1812. Walter Lord, Wm. Bicknell.
1813. *Walter Lord, John Hodges.
1814. Walter Lord, Robt. Clarke.
1815. Walter Lord, C. Gibling.
1816. Walter Lord, Wm. Doolan.
1817. Walter Lord, Wm. Davies.
1818. Walter Lord, Thos. Holmes.
1819. Walter Lord, M. N. Chapman.
1820-2. Walter Lord, Jos. Overton.†
1823. ‡Walter Lord, Rob. Hoggart.
1824-6. Walter Lord, John Durst.
1827. Walter Lord, Wm. Bicknell.
1828. Walter Lord, Isaac Ardley.
1829. Walter Lord, Daniel Norris, Sen.
1830. Walter Lord, Wm. Sims.
1831-2. Robert Clarke, Thos. Watkinson.
1833. Robert Clarke, Choyce Wm. Moyses.

* One of these gentlemen refused to act, and a Vestry was called to consider what should be done, however, as the interest was so slight, and no one turned up, it was adjourned, and they appear to have acted all the year.

† Jonathan Chapman appointed 1822, but, being a Quaker, Overton was elected to fill his place.

‡ Jonathan Wilson appointed, but he obtained Counsel's opinion that he could not act, and so Hoggart was elected to fill the post.

1834. R. G. Thomas, Thos. Watkinson.
1835. R. G. Thomas, Thos. Gover.
1836. R. G. Thomas, Joseph Procter.
1837. R. Goring Thomas, John Marchant.
1838. R. Goring Thomas, Wm. Winders.
1839-41. S. C. Lord, D.D., Hy. Molyneux.
1842-6. Thos. W. Cuthbert, James Molyneux.
1847-8. P. W. Flower, John Wren.
1849. P. W. Flower, Joseph Glover.
1850-2. A. W. Gadesden, George Rich.
1853. A. W. Gadesden, G. Slawson.
1854. Hon. S. R. Curzon, G. Slawson.
1855. Hon. S. R. Curzon, S. J. Blunt.
1856. Hon. S. R. Curzon, Geo. Evans.
1857-8. Hon. S. R. Curzon, Wm. Winders.
1859-60. Wm. Jas. Thompson, J. Hy. Taylor.
1861-2. Wm. Jas. Thompson, Geo. Jas. Soward.
1863-4. Edward Daun, W. Hy. Fourdrinier.
1865-7. W. H. Fourdrinier, Chas. Attlee.
1868-73. J. K. Hooper, Jas. Barringer.
1874-6. W. H. Dawson, F. R. Harries.
1877-9. W. H. Dawson, C. Attlee.
1880-2. W. H. Dawson, J. Barringer.
1883-8. W. H. Dawson, W. P. Mellhuish.
1889-90. J. B. Ward, W. P. Mellhuish.
1891. James Foster, W. P. Mellhuish.
1892-3. James Foster, W. E. Morden.*
1894. James Foster, W. E. Morden (last election by elected Vestry).

* In 1892 there were two candidates for the position of People's Warden, viz., Messrs. W. P. Mellhuish and W. E. Morden. The latter was elected by the Vestry. Mr. Mellhuish claimed a poll of the parish on the question, but the chairman declined to grant it, upon which he applied for a rule in the High Court of Justice to compel the Rector and Churchwardens to grant a poll. The case came on before Lord Justices Day and Charles, and was dismissed with costs, the Judges deciding that the election by the Vestry was final.

1895. James Foster, W. E. Morden (elected by Church Vestry).*
1896. James Foster, W. E. Morden.

OVERSEERS.

A LIST OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTE AND ACCOUNT BOOKS OF THE CHURCHWARDENS, VESTRY BOOKS, AND SURVEYORS' ACCOUNTS.

1651. Nicholas Lin (or Lynn), Edward Elderfield.
1652. Edward Elderfield, —— Midgee.
1653. Edward Elderfield, Phillip Nicholls.
1654. John Couchman, John Ives.
1655. John Ives, †John Colton.
1656. John Ives, John Arham.
1657. John Arham, William Long.
1658. William Long, Thomas Gainsford.
1659-60. Thomas Gainsford, John Couchman.
1661. George Endebrook, Edward Dudson.
1662. Edward Rants, Edward Dudson.
1663. Joshua Gearing, William Smith.
1664. Joshua Gearing, John Wilson.
1665. John Wilson, Thomas Ansill.
1666. Thomas Ansill, Nicholas Ellerey.
1667. John Williams, William Roades.
1668. William Roades, John Hebdon.
1669. ‡Humphry Pledge, ‡John Hebdon.
1670-1. John Hawkins.
1672. Abraham Ives, Charles Linton.
1673. Abraham Ives, John Hawkins.
1674. Charles Linton, Ffrancis Pledge.
1675. Humphry Pledge.
1676. Thos. Sanders.

* Sidesmen first appointed. † Probably John Coldham.
‡ Churchwardens as well.

1677. John Couchman, John Pach.
1678. John Pach, Walter Sanham.
1679. Walter Sanham, John Banckham.
1680. John Banckham.
1681. Richard Lane.
1682. John Wilson, Edward Ellyott (*sic*).
1683. Edward Elliott, Thos. Oliver.
1684. Thomas Oliver, Edward Cooke.
1685. Edward Cooke, Robt. Sanders.
1686. Robt. Sanders, Mr. Man.
1687. William Ely, Thomas Man.
1688. Thomas Man, Nicholas Lynn.
1689. Nicholas Lynn, Joseph Costall.
1690. Joseph Costall, Thomas Jeffs.
1691. Thomas Jeffs, Wm. Skarle.
1692. Wm. Skarle, Robt. Shepherd.
1693. Robt. Shepherd, Wm. Rhodes.
1694. Wm. Rhodes, Charles Leane.
1695. Charles Leane, William Frith.
1696. Wm. Frith, Edw. Sayers (*sic*).
1697. Edw. Seares, Samuel Tayler.
1698. Samuel Tayler, Isaac Brand.
1699. Isaac Brand, Tho. Scawen.
1700. Thomas Scawen, Deputy Joseph Scriven.
1701. Sir James Bateman, John Midgee.
1702. John Midgee, Edw. Deacon.
1703. Thomas Ansell, James Varley.
1704. James Varley, John Major.
1705. John Major, John Hester.
1706. John Hester, Stephen Movillion.
1707. Stephen Movillion, Thomas Ansell.
1708. Nicholas Lynn, Robert Shepherd.
1709. John Hawkins, Edward Deacon.
1710. Edward Deacon, John Man.
1711. John Man, Thomas Hawkins.
1712. John Lynn, Richard Whitland.

1713. Richard Whitland, Benj. Moore.
1714. Benj. Moore, David Murray.
1715. Thos. Shepherd, William Palmer.
1716. William Palmer, James Groves.
1717. James Groves, John Crecy.
1718. John Crecy, John Peele.
1719. Thomas Ansell (for John Peele), Richard Smith.
1720. Richard Smith, John Hutt.
1721. John Hutt, Wm. Bignell.
1722. Wm. Bignell, Peter Knight.
1723. D. Wilmott, John Morley.
1724. John Morley, Thos. Earll.
1725. Thos. Earll.
1726. John Gibling, Henry Wilks.
1727. John Colt, Richd. Tuggy.
1728. Wm. Bignell, Anthy. Merry.
1729. Anthy. Merry, Richd. Tuggy.
1730. Richd. Tuggy, H. Wilks.
1731. F. Orsby, John Man.
1732. John Man, W. Ansell.
1733. W. Bignell (for D. Wilmott), W. Ansell.
1734. W. Ansell, W. Devon.
1735. W. Devon, B. Bond.
1736. J. Hopkins, B. Bond.
1737. Thornton Man, R. Tuggy.
1738. W. Grover, Francis Salvador.
1739. Francis Salvador, Jno. Draper.
1740. Jno. Draper, Jas. Pearson.
1741. James Pearson, E. Kempton.
1742. E. Kempton, C. Weaver.
1743. C. Weaver, Andrew Morin.
1744. Andrew Morin, C. Weaver.
1745. Richd. Wheatly, Richd. Tamplin.
1746. W. Puplett, Thos. Shepherd.
1747. R. Tamplin, W. Puplett.
1748. W. Puplett, Jas. Wilson.

1749. Jas. Wilson, Thos. Shell.
1750. Thos. Shell, J. Greenfield.
1751. Jno. Greenfield, J. Kemp.
1752. Jas. Wilson (for Sir J. Kemp, Bart.), F. Wilcox.
1753. Jas. Wilson, J. Porter.
1754. Rich[d] Tamplin (for Peter Hamond), W. Betts.
1755. *Jno. Loringe, F. Wilcox, Thos. Harrop.
1756. Ed. Kempton, Jno. Wymer.
1757. John Wymer, Jas. Graham.
1758. Jas. Graham, Jno. Arnoll.
1759. Jno. Arnoll, Jos. Salvador.
1760. Rob. Hart, Jno. Avarn.†
1761. Jno. Avarn, Saml. Plumbe.
1762. Saml. Plumbe, Morgan Rice.
1763. Morgan Rice, Thos. Garrood.
1764. Thos. Garrood, Thos. Walker.
1765-6. Thos. Walker, Wm. Waller.
1767. W. Waller, Paul Palmer.
1768. Ed. Crutchfield, Thos. Ringscote.
1769. John Gover, Jno. Ridge.
1770. W. Jelfe, Jno. Ridge.
1771. Jno. Loringe, Thos. Tamplin.
1772. D. Bosten, J. Ridge.
1773. D. Bosten, J. Croger.
1774. J. Croger, T. Tamplin.
1775. R. Panton, J. Ridge.
1776. J. Ridge, J. Gover.
1777. T. Willis, J. Gover.
1778. W. Witton, J. Gover.
1779. J. Gover, W. Kimber.
1780. Hy. Lalande, Jno. Loringe.
1781. Jno. Loringe, J. Stracey.
1782. Jno. Loringe, Thos. Jeffreys.
1783. Mr. Charpentier, Mr. Holmes.

* Died.

† Joseph Salvador elected Overseer, fine fixed at £10 10s.

1784. John Clarke* and Greenfield.
1785. John Clarke, Joseph Overton.
1786. D. Blachford, John Clarke.
1787. W. Timson, D. Blackford.
1788. W. Timson, Walt. Powell.
1789. W. Powell, Jas. Turpin.
1790. Jas. Turpin, W. Wanstall.
1791. W. Wanstall.
1792. W. Smart, Richd. Bayley.
1793. John Gover, Richd. Bayley.
1794. John Gover, James Blake.
1795. Robt. Nettleton, Thos. Sanders.
1796. Thos. Sanders, Benj. Batley.
1797. Walter Lord, John Betts.
1798. John Rotton, Saml. Chalkin.
1800. Henry Parsons, John Piper.
1801. John Gibson, Wm. Bean.
1802-6. Percival Evans, John Gibson.
1807-8. W. Houghton, John Gibson.
1809-10. Robt. Hicks, John Gibson.
1811. John Hodges, James Waller.†
1812. Robt. Clarke, Chas. Gibling.
1813. Wm. Doolan, Geo. Smart.
1814. Fredk. Klein,‡ John Marchant.
1815. Wm. Davies, John Marchant.
1816. R. G. Thomas, John Marchant.§
1817. Joseph Overton, John Marchant.
1818. M. N. Chapman, John Marchant.‖
1819. John Ward, John Marchant.
1820. Jon^{n} Chapman, John Marchant.
1821. John Marchant, Thos. Pearson.

* Wheatear and Grimston appear to have acted.
† W. Bicknell took Waller's place after the first rate was made.
‡ Left the parish in 1815.
§ Received £19 19s. as Overseer.
‖ £30 salary.

1822. John Marchant,* Thos. Holmes.†
1823. John Marchant,‡ Jno. Durst.
1824. John Marchant, Isaac Ardley.
1825. John Marchant, Thomas Sharp.
1826. John Marchant, Daniel Norris, sen^{r}.
1827. John Marchant, Robt. Hoggart.
1828. John Marchant, Thomas Watkinson.
1829. John Marchant, W. Bicknell.
1830. John Marchant, C. W. Moyses.
1831. John Marchant, Geo. Gover.
1832. John Marchant, W. Sims.
1833. Joseph Booth, Wm. Sambrook.
1834. Joseph Procter, W. Winders.
1835. Wm. Williamson, Joseph Glover.
1836. Geo. B. Wilkinson, W. Penfold, junr.
1837. John Wren, Thos. Holt.
1838. Chas. Yalden, J. G. Smith.
1839. Chas. Fourdrinier, J. Durst.
1840. James Molyneux, Edw. Daun.
1841. Thos. Hicks, Php. Jones.
1842. Henry Burn, Geo. Wheeler.
1843. John Holt, Chas. Lee.
1844. Geo. Rich, Richard Blake.
1845. Jas. Harding, C. F. Trery.
1846. Henry Collyer, G. Slawson.
1847-8. Jas. Barringer, junr., W. Holmes.
1849. Ed. Moon, D. Norris, junr.
1850. M^{r}. Rollison, Robt. Brooks.
1851. E. Child, E. G. Livesey.
1852. Hy. Molyneux, Chas. Brown.
1853. E. Medcalf, Thos. Wisdom.
1854. R. Taylor, John Hunt.
1855. John Hunt, Wm. Wilders.
1856. Wm. Wilders, Wm. Sorrell.

* Gratuity of £10 10s.
† Mr. Harvey elected, but left the parish.
‡ Salary £4

1857. Hy. Muggridge, Thos. Weaver.
1858. Peter Perry, Geo. James Soward.
1859. H. W. Fourdrinier, Peter Perry.
1860. Hy. R. Pulbrook, T. F. Engley.
1861. Saml. Martin, junr., Edw. Butcher.
1862. Edw. Hepple, Chas. Barringer.
1863. Thos. Skelton, Robt. Gibling.
1864. J. K. Hooper, J. W. Dalton.
1865-6. Joseph Greenhill, J. W. Dalton.
1867. John Shirley, Saml. Garratt.
1868-9. John Shirley, E. Bax..
1870. James Bignold, Joseph Booth.
1871-7. James Bignold, Robert Parker.
1878-9. Henry Mann, F. Syder.
1880. Geo. Floyd, W. Lambert.
1881. W. P. Mellhuish, J. F. Pratt.
1882-5. Stephen E. Lambert, J. F. Pratt.
1886-8. Stephen E. Lambert, C. E. Stowell.
1889-90. S. Savage, C. E. Stowell.
1891. E. Aldous, C. E. Stowell.
1892. E. Aldous, John Perry.
1893-4. W. P. Mellhuish, John Perry.
1895. *W. P. Mellhuish, C. Newman, C. Devereux, J. Perry, W. E. Morden.
1896. W. P. Mellhuish, C. Newman, A. Bain, J. E. Fisher, J. Perry.

1823. Assistant Overseer's duties were thus defined:

"To pay all pensions, casual and random poor; to attend the monthly committees, and all committees relative to the poor; to attend the bench of magistrates when required, and all appeals and actions-at-law in which the parish may be engaged relative to the poor; to keep a book in which shall be inscribed all examinations of paupers; and to perform all the other duties appertaining to the office of overseer, except the collection of rates."

* Elected by the Vestry as reconstructed by the Local Government Act of 1894, Churchwardens ceasing to be *ex-officio* Overseers.

"John Marchant to be elected pursuant to Act of 59th George III., cap. 12, at a salary of £120, to be paid £80 May 1st, £20 Sept. 29, £20 March 25, 1834, and in future years £40 only, as before."

GUARDIANS.

1836. Edmund East, Joseph Overton.
1837-38.* G. W. D'Almaine, Wm. Houghton.
1839-40. Thos. Watkinson, Wm. Williamson.
1841-42. John Durst, Edw. Daun.
1843. Edw. Daun, Thos. Hicks.
1844-54. Edw. Daun, Henry Parsons.
1855-56. Edw. Daun, James Barringer.
1857. T. Fredk. Engley, D. Heath.
1858. D. Heath, — Ticknor.
1859. D. Heath, Hy. R. Pulbrook.
1860-61. W. Penfold, Robt. Taylor.
1862. Robt. Taylor, Jas. Bignold.
1863-66. Major-Gen. H. Clayton, Jas. Bignold.
1867. James Bignold, John Manchester.
1868. Rev. John Congreve, Jas. Bignold.
1869-70. J. Manchester, Jas. Bignold.
1871-75. Jas. Barringer, Jas. Bignold.
1876. Jas. Barringer. In this year the guardians were reduced from two to one (see Vestry Minutes). The candidates were the Rev. G. S. Flack, Messrs. Barringer and Lucas. Mr. Flack withdrew, and on the poll being taken, Mr. Barringer was elected—147 votes against Mr. Lucas' 58. Mr. Barringer has held the position ever since.

SURVEYORS OF THE HIGHWAYS.

1651. John Ansell, Wm. Smith.
1652. John Buchell, John Stevens.
1653. Geo. Endebrook, John Couchman.
1654. John Couchman, Thos. Brome.
1655. John Couchman, Edw. Dudson.
1656. Edw. Dudson, Geo. Endebrook.
1657. Geo. Endebrook, Edw. Rants.
1658-59. Edw. Rants, Edmund Saers.
1660. Edmund Saers, John Coldham.
1661. John Coldham, William Long.
1662-63. Edw. Dudson, Will. Long.
1664. Edw. Dudson, John Couchman.
1665. John Couchman, Edward Linton.
1666. Edward Linton, Edward Elderfield.
1667. Edward Elderfield, Joshua Gearing.
1668. Joshua Gearing, Edward Rants.
1669. Edward Rants, Edward Sares.
1670. Edward Sares, Humphry Pledge.

* None appointed in 1838, so the existing ones acted.

'11. John Hebdon, John Williams.
'12. John Williams, Thomas Oliver.
'13. Thomas Oliver, John Coldham.
'14. John Coldham, John Hawkins.
'15. John Hawkins, William Rhodes.
'16. William Rhodes, Thomas Ansell.
'17. Thomas Ansell, Charles Linton.
'18. Charles Linton, ffrancis Pledge.
'19. ffrancis Pledge, Tho. Sanders.*
20-81. ffrancis Pledge, John Pack.
82. Walter Sanham, John Couchman.‖
83. †Walter Sanham, John Banckham.
84. Richard Lane, Edward Elderfield.
85. Edward Elderfield, John Wilson.
86-87. John Wilson, Edward Elliott.
88. Edward Elliott, Edmond Cooke.
89. Edmond Cooke, Thos. Oliver.
90. Thos. Oliver, Wm. Ely.
91. Wm. Ely, Nicholas Linn.
92. Wm. Ely, Thos. Man.
93. Thos. Man, Charles Leane.
94. Robt. Sanders, Nathl. Grantham.
95. Charles Hargrave, Edward Elliott.
96-97. Charles Hargrave, Isaac Brand.
98. Isaac Brand, William Skarle.
99. William Skarle, ffrancis Pledge.
00. ffrancis Pledge, Edward Sares.
01. Edw. Sares, Sir Jas. Bateman.
02. Edw. Sares,‡ Wm. Rhodes.
03. Wm. Rhodes, Wm. Theed.
04. Wm Rhodes,§ Robt. Shepherd.
05. Robt. Shepherd, John Midgee.
06. John Midgee, Thos. Ansell.
07-08. Thos. Ansell, James Varley.
09-10. Samuel Taylor, John Hester.
11. Charles Linton, John Mayer (Major).
12. Wm. Skarle.
13. Wm. Skarle, Step[n]. Mouillion.
14. Thos. Ansell, Rich. Wheatland.
15. John Man, John Lynn.
16. John Lynn, Rich. Wheatland.
17. Rich. Wheatland, Edw. Deacon.
18. Benj. More, Thos. Shepherd.
19. William Palmer, James Grove.
20. James Grove, John Creasy.
21. James Bateman,‖ John Man.
22. James Bateman, Wm. Bignall.
23. Not to be traced.

Elected, but John Pack served.
† No accounts this year.
For Sir James Bateman.
§ For Joseph Scriven.
‖ Second son of Sir James.

1724. Wm. Bignall, John Morley.
1725. John Morley, John Gibling.
1726. John Gibling, Wm. Shorter.
1727. Wm. Shorter,* Hy. Wilks.
1728. John Colt, John Gibling.
1729. Wm. Bignell,† Anthony Merry.
1730. Anthony Merry, Rich. Tuggey.
1731. Rich. Tuggey, Wm. Ansell.
1732. Wm. Ansell, John Man.
1733. John Man, Wm. Devon.
1734. Wm. Devon, Danl. Wilmott.
1735. Wm. Devon, Wm. Ansell.
1736-37. John Colt, Wm. Grover.
1738. John Hopkins, Robt. Wyrill.
1739. Thos. Osby, Benj. Bond.‡
1740. Benj. Bond, Rich. Tamplin.
1741. Rich. Tamplin, Edw. Kempton.
1742-44. Edw. Kempton,§ Thos. Shepherd.
1745. Cornelius Weaver, Richard Wheatley.
1746. Rich. Wheatley, James Wilson.
1747-48. James Wilson, William Puplett.
1749-50. James Wilson, Thos. Shell.
1751-52. James Wilson, Jno. Greenfield.
1753. Sir Jno. Kemp, Bart., Jas. Wilson.
1754. Sir Jno. Kemp, Bart.,‖ Jno. Bushnell.
1755. John Bushnell, Wm. Betts.
1756. Wm. Betts (died), F. Willcox.
1757. ffrancis Willcox, James Graham, jun.
1758-59. James Graham, Thos. Harrop.
1760. Jno. Wymer, Samuel Plumbe.
1761-66. Samuel Plumbe, Morgan Rice.
1767-68. Samuel Plumbe, Thos. Tamplin.
1769. Samuel Plumbe, Thos. Garrood.
1770. Samuel Plumbe, Rich. Panton.
1771. Samuel Plumbe, John Croger.
1772. John Rogers, John Croger.
1773-75. Morgan Rice, John Avarn.
1776. William Waller, John Gover.
1777. Rich. Panton, Hy. Laland.
1778. Thos. Willis, Jos. Overton.
1779. Wm. Witton, J. Stracey.
1780. Edw. Vidler, Jno. Loringe.
1781. Jno. Kerwood, John Rice.
1782. R. Greenfield, Jno. Arnoll.
1783. Wm. Willson, J. P. Timson.
1784-85. D. Blachford, Jno. Clarke.
1786. D. Blachford, T. Whitear.
1787-88. T. Whitear, J. P Timson.

* John Gibling acted.
† For Francis Salvado
‡ Gibling acted.
§ For Joseph Salvador
‖ James Wilson acted.

789-1803. Missing.
804. Thos. Sanders, Wm. Houghton.
805. Wm. Gilbert, James Dawson.
806. John Hodges, W. Doolan.
807. R. Borrodaile, Jas. Waller.
808. Richd. Brown, Thos. Freeman.
809. James Rose, W. Stroud.
810. W. Stroud, Josiah Nibbs.
811. Geo. Pickett, Geo. Smart.
812-13. Tho. Holmes, Harry Ashby.
814. Harry Ashby, John Piper.
815. John Piper, James Brackpool.
816. Robt. Clarke, C. Gibling.
817. C. Gibling, Robt. Hicks.
818. Wm. Dawes, C. Gibling.
819-20. Jon^{a}. Wilson, Thos. Restell.
821. M. N. Chapman, T. Snook.
822. M. N. Chapman, T. Evans.
823. M. N. Chapman, W. Bicknell.
824. Jon^{a}. Chapman, Daniel Norris.
825. Isaac Ardley, Robt. Hoggart.
826. Thos. Sharp, C. W. Moyses.
827. Choyce Wm. Moyses, Wm. East.
828. W. Sims, Geo. Gover.
829. John Durst, Thos. Watkinson.
830. Peter Stevenson, Thos. Redford.
831. Peter Stevenson, Thos. Bridges.
832. Joseph Procter, John Piper.
833. William Williamson, Joseph Glover.
834. Wm. Sambrook, Joseph Booth.
835-36. Wm. Winders, Chas. Yalden.
837. Mr. Fourdrinier, Wm. Mansell.
838. Capt. G. Randell, James Molyneaux.
839. John Marchant, John Wren.
840. Richd. Blake, Joseph George Smith.
841. Robt. Obbard, Wm. Muggridge.
842. Geo. Rich, Geo. Slawson.
843. C. J. F. Trery, P. Jones.
844. Geo. Wheeler, Wm. Holmes.
845. G. Wilkinson,* Jno. Holt.
846. B. P. Drouet, Hy. Molyneux.
847. James Arding, Joseph Gates, junr.
848. R. Brooks, Joseph Gates, junr.
849-50. Robt. Taylor, Samuel Martin.
851. Tho. Cuthbert, Jas. Barringer.
852. Hy. Collyer, Hy. Muggridge.
853. S. J. Blunt, Wm. Sorrell.
854. Wm. Sorrell, P. W. Flower.
855. Edw. Child, Chas. Brown.

* Declined to act. B. P. Drouet elected.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

(1), etc., denotes number of years to serve.

1856.	A. W. Gadesden (1).	W. Williamson (2).	Hon. S. C. H. R. Curzon (3). (resigned in 1858).
1857.	A. W. Gadesden (3). (resigned 1859.)		
1858.		W. Williamson (3).	Jas. Hy. Taylor (1).
1859.	Jas. Barringer (1).		Jas. Hy. Taylor (3) (resigned 1861).
1860.	Jas. Barringer (3).		
1861.		W. Williamson (3). (resigned 1863).	Joseph Greenhill (1).
1862.			Joseph Greenhill (3).
1863.	Jas. Barringer (3).	H. W. Fourdinier (1).	
1864.		Robt. Taylor (3)	
1865.			Joseph Greenhill (3).
1866.	Jas. Barringer (3).		
1867.		John Manchester (3)	
1868.			Joseph Greenhill (3).
1869.	Jas Barringer (3).		
1870.		(No election recorded.)	
1871.		Robt. Taylor (2).	Joseph Greenhill (3).
1872.	Robt. Rumsay (3). (resigned 1874).		
1873.		Robt. Taylor (3).	
1874.	John Hunt (1).		Jas. Barringer (3).*
1875.	John Hunt (3).		
1876.		Robt. Taylor (3).	
1877.			Jas. Barringer (3).
1878.	James Bignold (3).		
1879.		Hy. Atwood (3).	
1880.			Jas. Barringer (3).
1881.	James Bignold (3).		
1882.		Chas. Attlee (3).	
1883.			C. E. Stowell (3).
1884.	James Bignold (3).		
1885.		S. E. Lambert (3).	
1886.			C. E. Stowell (3).
1887.	W. P. Mellhuish (3).		
1888.		S. E. Lambert (3).	
1889.			C. E. Stowell (3).

* A contest. Geo. Trash defeated.

1890.	W. P. Mellhuish (3).		
1891.		John Perry (3).	
1892.			C. E. Stowell (3).
1893.	W. P. Mellhuish (3).		
1894.		John Perry (3). (resigned 1896).	
1895.			C. E. Stowell (3).
1896.	W. P. Mellhuish (3).	J. E. Fisher (1).	

VESTRY CLERK.

1830. The duties of Vestry Clerk were thus defined:

"To attend all parish meetings; to draw up and copy all orders and other acts of the Vestry; to make copies thereof for the parishioners, when required, upon being paid a reasonable compensation for the same. To audit and copy all the accounts of the churchwardens, overseers, and surveyors, and to prepare all the rate and composition books, or other rate-books that may hereafter be required by Act of Parliament. To attend all committees appointed by the Vestry, those held at the poor-house, or others required by the parish officers, and enter the proceedings thereof. To prepare the Jury list, and make out the returns of the Registrars of Burials, Marriages, and Christenings to be presented at visitation by the churchwardens, and all returns required by Parliament and Quarter Sessions as directed by the churchwardens, overseers, and surveyors. To write all letters relating to parish business when required by the Vestry or parish officers, and to take copies of the same, together with letters addressed to the parish. To assist the churchwardens and overseers in the investigation of settlements of paupers, and attend the Sessions when required by them. To attend at and register the distribution of charitable donations, and generally to execute all other duties properly pertaining to the situation, at a salary of £32."

1852. The duties were again defined on the appointment of Mr. Norris:

"To give notice of, and attend all meetings of Vestry and committees, keep the Vestry books and parish deeds, documents, rate-books, accounts, etc., that are closed. To give copies of the same to any persons entitled thereto, they paying at the rate of 4d. for every 72 words or figures; and to permit any persons rated to the relief of the poor of the parish at all reasonable times to inspect the same, on pain of dismissal for neglecting to perform these duties. To make out Church rate, get it signed, and to retain the custody thereof. To make out Poor and Highway rates, get them allowed, make the necessary entries in rate-book, and give notice thereof required by law. To make out churchwardens' and overseers' account if required, and their returns of arrears. To attend the overseers' audit, and conduct their

correspondence. To assist the churchwardens and overseers in making out assessments and accounts, and examining the accounts of collectors of such assessments. To make the Jury lists, and return them to the Justices. To assist the overseers in making list of voters, get printed, and attend the revising court. To prepare all returns of churchwardens and overseers; and to assist them in their duties, and to perform such duties as may be required by the churchwardens and overseers."

VESTRY CLERKS.

1749-54. John Loringe.
1755- . John Gibling.*
1770- . Wm. Witton.*
1811-30. W. Houghton.
1830-38. W. Houghton, Junr.
1839-40. W. Penfold.†
1852. Daniel Norris.

Both Roger Rogers, about 1744, and Thos. Drinkwater, about 1738, appear to have acted as Vestry Clerks, but there is no record of their appointment.

PARISH CLERK.

1823. His duties were defined:

"To ring the bell, wind the dial, give out notices in church, to permit the parish officers to search for registers, and to attend to give evidence when called on, on parish affairs. Salary, £15 and fees."

The more modern idea is:

An official appointed by the Incumbent to assist in various duties, for which, though not clerical, he is responsible. He is remunerated partly by a salary paid by the parish, and partly by a portion of the fees, the whole of which belong by law to the Incumbent. When a curate is appointed to this office he is called "the Clerk in Orders."

PARISH CLERKS.

1744. Roger Rogers.
1753. Jno. Shepherd.
1766-99. Jno. Gray.
1799-1821. Robt. Welsh.
1822-44. Geo. Farwell Noakes Smart.
1844-68. D. Norris, Senr.
1868-82. D. Norris, Junr.
1883-96. S. Bearman.

ORGANIST.

1832. His duties were defined:

"To attend punctually at church on Sundays, morning and afternoon, also on Good Friday, Christmas Day, and on the days of any general fast or thanksgiving, at the hour appointed for the com-

* Neither of these appear to have acted for more than a year.

† The minutes are written by the chairman of the Vestry from 1841 to 1852.

mencement of the service. To instruct the children in psalmody every Sunday for one hour each time, at ½ before 10 o'clock in the morning, and ½ before 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and for the next three months to instruct them once a week for two hours. To attend to the tunes selected for the psalms and named in the book provided for him and deposited in the organ loft; and he must on no account depart from them unless required to do so by the minister or church-wardens, and to submit to such other regulations as may be required, a month's notice to be given on either side. To be elected annually with other parish officers, and to receive £42 per annum."

ORGANISTS.

1820-32. Mrs. Showell.
1833-34. O. May.
1835-36. Joseph Pitman.
1837-42. Edw. West.
1843. G. Gunter.
1844-45. W. Wilkinson.
1846-53. W. Foster.
Mr. Whittingham.*
Mr. Cousens.*
Mr. Adams.*
Mr. Hodges.*
1883. C. J. Wood.
1883-87. A. F. Clement.
1888-90. H. A. Hurdle, A.R.A.M.
1891-96. J. Percy Baker, A.R.A.M., Mus. Bac. *Dunelm.*

SUNDAY BEADLE.

1821. His duties were defined as follows:

"For a yearly fee of £6 6s. od. to preserve order in the church and churchyard during divine service, and in all other parts of the village during Sabbath Day."

(Henry Gibling held this office together with that of organ-blower and constable.)

1823. "He had also to attend all Vestries as Beadle."

1837. "Light the fires in furnace and the Vestry-room, and sweep the churchyard."

1838. "To deliver notices of Vestries."

1855. "Salary £8. To attend all times when divine service was being performed in the church, open the pews, blow the organ, light the fires, attend Vestry and parochial meetings, visitations, etc., light the gas and candles in church, clean the glasses, sweep walks in church-yard on Saturday, and when required, deliver parish and parochial notices, serve summonses, etc."

BEADLES.

1741. Jno. Lane.
1743. Geo. Gregory.
1785-95. Thos. Tamplin.†

* These officiated between 1853 and 1883.
† And bellman.

SUNDAY BEADLES AND ORGAN-BLOWERS.

1812-36. Henry Gibling.*
1837-54. John Smart.
1855-62. Thos. Craven.
1863. Ch. Yalden.
1864-65. W. Daborn.
1866-70. Hy. Fulbrook.
1870. — Steers.
1871. Geo. Whitehead.†

PARISH SEXTON.

Duties were defined April, 1873:

"To dig, fill in, and arrange the graves; attend at the funerals. To toll and ring the bell on Sundays for the usual services, and on other days when required on the death of a parishioner, and at the funerals. To attend to the heating and gas apparatus, and the lighting of the church and vestry fires and gas, and to the good order during the services, and all other duties belonging to the office of Sexton. Salary £10 and fees on the settled scale."

Mr. C. Edwards was first appointed.

(NOTE.—He also received £31 for his keeping of the graveyard in order and repair, and mowing it at least four times a year.)

SEXTONS.

1873. C. Edwards.
1882. John Coates.
1890. Thomas Hopton.
1896. Charles Amos.

PEW-OPENERS AND CHURCH-CLEANER.

Duties were defined April 26, 1859:

"Salary £15. Thoroughly sweep and dust the church every week. Matting to be taken up, beaten and relaid, once a month. Light the vestry fire. Clean the vestry and fireplace. Open pews in body of church at all services. Fold up and put away the fittings of communion and pulpit after service, and put in their places ready for their use before service. To be present whenever church is open. To wash and mend all surplices, linen and towels. To pay particular attention to strangers, and lend them hymn-books as provided. 17s. 6d. per quarter extra to be paid for washing and mending."

PEW-OPENERS AND CHURCH-CLEANERS.

1813-52. Mary Wren.
1852-58. Elizabeth Coleman.
1859-60. Mary Austin.
1861-82. A. M. Finch.
1883-96. Miss E. Finch.

* 1812 described as organ turner; 1813 as organ player; 1814 as organ grinder; 1816 as organist!

† Organ-blower only.

HEADBOROUGH.

Headborough (silent gh), the chief or headman of a Frankpledge, tithing or deanery, a kind of village mayor, also known as borsholder or tithing-man.

HEADBOROUGHS.

1680. Nic. Lin.
1683. Paul Bond.
1684. Goodman Gloster.
1687. Sam. Taylor.
1691. Richd. Lane.
1699. Edward Deikenn.*
1700. — Bushnell.
1701. Jno. Major.
1702-10. Jno. Hawkins.
1711. David Murray.
1714. Thos. Kirbey.
1715-16. Joh. Wiggins.
1743. Thos. Ansell.
1744. Jos. Akam.
1745. Jno. Loringe.
1746. John Watcham.
1747. John Gilbert (or Edw. Kempton).
1748-49. John Griffith.
1750-51. Edw. Kempton.
1752. Robert Shepherd.
1753-54. Richd. Wheatley.
1755-56. W. Grover.
1757. Stephen Smith.
1758. Jno. Avarn.
1759. Jno. Arnoll.
1760. Saml. Jarvis.
1761. Thos. Garrood.
1762. ffrancis Wilcox.
1763. Jas. Graham.
1764. W. Waller.
1765. Thos. Kingscote.
1767. John Gover.
1768. Peter Hammond.
1769. Dionssius (*sic*) Boston.
1770. Rich. Postlethwaite.
1771. John Ridge.
1772. Thos. Tamplin.
1773. Hy. Bowman.
1774. John Grimstone.
1775. Hy. Gover.
1776. John Grimstone.
1777. W. Witton.
1778. Nudler Greenfield.
1779. W. Chocklin.
1780. Wm. Smart.
1781. John Gibson.
1782. Thos. Freeman.
1783-84. W. Garrood.
1785. Thos. Tamplin.
1786. Jas. Turpin.
1787. Thos. Tamplin.
1788. Jas. Blake.
1809-10. O. Savage.
1811-12. John Marchant.
1813. W. Whitehead.
1814. Sam. Nash.
1815. H. Gibling.
1816. John Snook.
1817-33. John Wren.
1834. Joseph Gates.
1835. John Wren.
1836. Joseph Gates.
1837-38. Cornelius Smith.
1839. John Holt.
1840. Anthony Murratt.
1841. John Smart.

ALE-CONNER.

Ale-conner or kenner is one who knows what good ale is. The ale-conner was one of four officers chosen by the Livery of London City in Common Hall on Midsummer Day. His duties were: To inspect the measures used in public-houses, and ascertain that they were of the proper legal capacity. Similar officers existed in other parts of England. [The Act 21 James I., c. 7, provided that they take oath and present the offences of drunkenness.]

* Deacon.

ALE-CONNERS.

1684. Bryan Abbott.
1687. Robert Allan.
1688-89. Wm. Bertram.
1690-91. John Lander.
1692. Wm. Oades.
1693. Edw. Deacon.
1699. Thos. Shorey.
1700. Thos. Lane.
1701. John Hangman.
1702. John Major.
1703-04. John Harvey.
1705-6. John Lander.
1707. Thos. Lane.
1708. Thos. Goddard.
1711. Joseph Preston.
1712. John Gibson.
1716-17. Thos. Archer.
1727-38. Rogger Rogers.
1739. W. Grover.
1744. Thos. Shepherd.
1816. John Trery.

These are all the recorded appointments.

PARISH CONSTABLE.

Petty constables were first instituted in the reign of Edward III., taking the position of head boroughman, tithing-man, and, by the Statute of Winchester including the position of borsholder (*bork* is the Anglo-Saxon for security). The duties of these four offices were very much alike, and in some parishes they were united. In others, as here, there were the two officials, headborough and constable. As time went on the constable became more the servant of the overseers, serving their summonses and attending them to petty sessions.

CONSTABLES.

1665. Richard Sayers.
1668. Goodman Ansell.
1669. Goodman Willson.
1672. Richd. Lane.
1673. Will. ffisher.
1680. Chas. Linton.
1682. Wm. Roades.
1683. Goodman Ely.
1684. Richd. Archer.
1685. Jno. Rawlins.
1686. Francis Pledg.
1687. Nic. Lynn.
1690. Robt. Shepherd.
1691. John Bartlett.
1698. John ffrancis.
1699. Wm. Bertram.
1700. W. Oades.
1701. John Major.
1702. Thos. Deacon.
1705. Thos. Shorey.
1708. Jno. Harvey.
1711-12. Thos. Lane.
1713. David Armoure.
1714. Stephen Kirbey.
1715. John Creacey.
1716. John Device.
1742. C. Varley.
1743. John Loringe.
1744. Richd. Tamplin.
1745-55. John Loringe (died).
1756. Edw. Kempton.
1757. Richd. Wheatley.
1758. John Greenfield.
1759. John Avarn.
1760. John Arnoll.
1761. Thos. Walker.
1762. Thos. Garrood.
1763. Francis Willcox.
1764. Jas. Graham.
1765. Jno. Arnoll.
1767. Edw. Crutchfield.
1768. John Gover.
1769. John Loringe.
1770. D. Boston.
1771. Richd. Postlethwaite.
1772. John Ridge.

1773-74. W. Empson.
1775. Joseph Overton.
1776. Thos. Wills.
1777. Edw. Vidler.
1778. Geo. Hope.
1779. Joseph Overton.
1780. Edw. Vidler.
1781. W. Chocklin.
1782. Wm. Smart.
1783. Edw. Vidler.*
1784. John Betts.
1785-87. Richd. Bayley.
1788. Jno. Betts.
1804. Thos. Molyneux.
1805. Hy. Gibling.
1806. Geo. Smart.
1807. Edw. Prestridge.
1808. Jas. Blackpool.
1809-10. W. Stroud.
1811. Jas. Blackpool.
1812. Jas. Deane.
1813. Jas. Blackpool.
1814. Thos. Restell.
1815. Samuel Nash.
1816-37. Hy. Gibling.
1838-40. Jno. Smart.
1841. Alfred Smith.

APOTHECARY.

Duties of, were defined in 1773:

"£6 6s. od. for taking care of the poor of this parish and supplying them with physic, etc., and also casual poor, for the whole year. Raised to £10 in 1775."

APOTHECARIES.

1725. Mr. Parrott.†
1773-77. Mr. Horler.
1779. Mr. Chittenden.
1804-10. Messrs. Grellier and Reed.
1811-15. Mr. G. Grinley Sharpe.
1816-22. Mr. John Parrott.
1823-25. Messrs. Parrott and Chapman.
1826-36. Mr. C. Chapman.

ENGINE-KEEPER.

Duties of, were defined in 1840:

"He is requested to exercise the engine on the first Monday in March, June, September and December, at twelve o'clock in the forenoon, and he is required to give notice to the parish officers previous to each day on which it is to be exercised. In 1848 the parish guarantees to remunerate the engine-keeper for the expense of hiring a horse to convey the engine to any spot within the distance of five miles in case of fire."

ENGINE-KEEPERS.

1811-13. T. Deane.
1814-23. T. Barlow, and R. Redford.
1824-32. Mary Redford.
1833-34. T. and W. Redford.
1835-46. R. Redford and Thos. Restell.
1847-53. Ed. Craven.

* Vidler did not act. Thos. Freeman did from April.

† I find his accounts being paid, but no record of appointment.

CLOCK-WINDER.

Duties: "To keep wound and in good repair the tower and gallery clock."

CLOCK-WINDERS.

1833-43. W. Restell.
1844. T. Skelton.
1845-46. Thos. Restell.
1847. T. Skelton.
1848. H. Walsh.
1849-54. Skelton and Corker.*
1855-64. T. Skelton.
1865-66. Corker.
1868-70. Skelton.
1871-73. Corker.
1874-76. Skelton.
1877-79. Corker.
1880-83. Skelton.
1884-85. Corker.
1886-87. Skelton.
1888. Laroche.
1889-91. Corker.
1892-93. Sawyer.
1894-96. J. Day.

COLLECTOR OF POOR AND DISTRICT RATES.

J. B. Robinson, appointed 1882.

* Alternate years.



CHAPTER XV.

EXTRA NOTES.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S MISSION CHURCH, SELKIRK ROAD.

Short Account of the Formation of the Mission.

IN order to meet the spiritual wants of a new district which had sprung up in the lower part of Holy Trinity parish, the Vicar (Rev. J. Hasloch Potter) commenced mission services in a house in the Selkirk Road, on December 3, 1882. These cottage services were usually conducted by Mr. Charles Baker, founder of the Church Institute, Wandsworth Common.

Sunday-schools were soon opened under the superintendence of Mr. Henry Houndle.

St. Andrew's Iron Room was opened November 23, 1884, and services of a very simple character were conducted by Mr. Baker and the clergy of Holy Trinity.

In 1888 the Rev. E. H. Leale was ordained to the curacy of Holy Trinity, and the mission was by the Vicar placed especially under his charge.

On October 4, 1890, a small iron church was built, adjoining the old room, and capable of seating about 250 persons. This new mission was called St. Augustine's, in honour of the first Archbishop of Canterbury. The change was made because of the appropriation of the name St. Andrews by a church at Earlsfield.

St. Augustine's Mission was formally opened by the Venerable Archdeacon Burney, and was duly licensed by the Bishop.

In consequence of the rapid growth of the population, it was decided in the year 1896 to separate St. Augustine's Mission and the surrounding district from the mother parishes of Holy Trinity and St. Nicholas and to form it into one of the Rochester Diocesan Districts.

The Mission District extends from the Upper Hereward Road to Merton Railway Bridge, and as far back as the Fountain and Alston Roads.

The population is at present estimated at between 4,000 and 5,000. Two estates of considerable size are now being developed, and it is estimated that about 700 workmen's dwellings will be built during 1897.

The Rev. E. H. Leale was appointed as the Missioner by the Lord Bishop of Rochester, and was formally installed by the Bishop of Southwark on January 5, 1896.

The site for the permanent church, situated at the corner of Garratt Lane and Fountain Road, is now being purchased at the cost of £500, which sum has been raised during 1896.

The Mission Church is well attended, and there are over 200 children in the Sunday-schools.

Old Map of the Parish.

An interesting map has lately come into the possession of the Rector of Tooting-Graveney, being that of the parish in 1844. The Chaplain of the Bishop of Winchester, on going through the papers of the late Bishop, found the map, and, with the Bishop's permission, the Rector was asked if he would like to have it, and the map (framed) now hangs in the vestry of the church. It is drawn to a scale of six chains to an inch, and is in very capital preservation. On the right and left sides are small copper engravings of the present church (which had then been consecrated eleven years, and which is depicted with a very pleasing foreground, though those who remember it say that a very offensive heap of refuse from the stables of the Rising Sun, which stood where Collingwood Villas are now, rendered it anything but pleasing), the old church (with its round tower), Hill House, the old mansion at the rear of Tooting College, and Mr. Gibling's house and shop, with the parish pump in front, which has only been removed in comparatively late years. The reason Mr. Gibling's shop is shown probably was that the family had long been connected with the parish. The map also contains an engraving of the Rectory House, now known as "The Rosery," in the Mitcham Road. The inscription is: "Map of the parish of Tooting-Graveney, in the county of Surrey, as surveyed by J. and J. Hicks, Tooting, 1844. Engraved by J. E. Wood." Dedicated by permission to John Richard (Sumner), Lord Bishop of Winchester.

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Among the Governors of St. Thomas's Hospital in 1719 were Joseph Collier, John Hester, and Thos. Man, all of Tooting-Graveney.

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Lysons's "Environs of London" quotes the following averages of baptisms and burials in the parish:

Registers.		*Baptisms.*		*Burials.*
1580-9	...	6	...	3
1680-9	...	5	...	6
1780-9	...	31	...	24
1790-9	...	$28\frac{7}{10}$	...	$21\frac{4}{5}$
1800-9	...	$36\frac{1}{5}$	...	$27\frac{5}{9}$

No entries of burials in 1603 and 1665.

In 1790 there were about 150 houses; in 1801, 168; in 1810, 174.

In 1800, September and October, Mary Betts, aged 88, Susan Wennard, aged 91, Mary Beesly, aged 97, were interred, without any other burial intervening.

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In the "Catalogue of Lords, etc., Loyalists compounding for their Estates" (London, 1655) appears:

"John Massingberd, of Tooting, £934."

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Among the names of recusants who have registered their estates according to a late Act of Parliament made to oblige them to enter the real annual value of them were Thomas Lane (afterwards Sir Thomas, ancestor of Lord Foley), Lord Mayor in 1694 and Henry Lord Viscount Montague.

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King William IV. died on Tuesday, June 20, 1837. On the following day appeared an advertisement in the *Times* from Richard Alsagar, M.P. for the Eastern Division of Surrey: "As the decease of our much lamented Sovereign will, in all probability, lead to an early dissolution of Parliament, I beg respectfully to announce my intention of again offering myself as candidate." He died in 1841, and lies under the church.

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In "Surrey Fines: PEDES FINIUM, or fines relating to the County of Surrey, levied in the King's Court from the 7th year of Richard I. to the end of the reign of Henry VII.," edited by Frank B. Lewis, B.A.,

there are several entries relating to actions between the inhabitants of Tooting-Graveney and their neighbours, among which is, "4 Edw. III., Thomas de Lodelowe and his wife Katherine *v.* Adam Poignaunt in Miccham and Toting-Graveneye."

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Letters patent, authorizing any charitable collection for any public or private purpose, Evelyn says: "A brief was read in all churches for relieving the French Protestants who came here for protection from the unheard-of cruelties of the King."

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Rev. F. F. Thomas, minister of the Congregational Church, 1852-61, in an interesting letter to the author, tells the following story: "One gloomy winter afternoon the clerk in the desk fell asleep during the sermon. Mr. Greaves, a slow speaker, suddenly paused longer than usual; the dead silence awoke the clerk, who, thinking the discourse had ended, broke the silence with a loud 'Amen.'".

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I have been told that the publicans often scolded the parson if he preached a more lengthy sermon than usual, and it was a regular thing to see the potboys outside the public-houses waiting for the bell to give them the signal to begin the delivery of dinner-beer.

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The following are scheduled as the list of monuments to be removed from the old church in 1833:

1. Sir John Hebdon, Knight, 1670.
2. Miss Mary Blake, 1823.
3. Matilda, wife of George Medley, Esq., 1817.
4. William Clarke, Esq., 1799.
5. John Clarke, Esq., 1792.
6. Miss Louisa Jane Royds, 1811; and Ann Georgina Royds, 1812.
7. Mrs. Elizabeth Powell, and William Powell, Esq., 1823.
8. Elizabeth Fitzwillm, 1582; and Willm. Fitzwillm, 1597.
9. John Rice, Esq., 1801; and Chas. Rice, Esq., 1802.
10. Frances, Wife of John Rice, Esq., 1790.
11. Mary, Daughter of the late John Rice, Esq., 1810.

12. { Mary, Wife of Thos. Holmes, Esq., 1821;
and Thomas Holmes, Esq., 1829.

13. { Ralph Plumbe, Esq., 1776;
Samuel Plumbe, Esq., 1784;
and Frances, Wife of Saml. Plumbe, Esq., 1811.

14. Dame Esther Bateman, 1710.

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Lord Saye and Sele informs me that Edward Clinton was not Lord Saye; he gave a *quit claimer* to Lord Saye and Sele of all his rights in name, title, etc.

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Shoulder of Mutton Field.—This field has been rated to Mitcham ever since a dead body was discovered there, which Tooting-Graveney refused to bury. Mitcham, however, buried the body, and have taken the rates from the field ever since.

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Mr. Barringer was elected after a contest with Mr. Lucas, Mr. Flack having withdrawn his candidature.

The record of this father of the village is worthy of note: Guardian, 1855 and 1856; and from 1871 to 1897; Overseer, Highway Surveyor, Churchwarden, L. S. B. Manager, Anerley District School Manager, Member of the Vestry, Trustee of the Amicable Benefit Club, Treasurer of the Cricket Club, and District Board of Works representative. He reckons to have travelled over 20,000 miles in the interest of the parish.

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The Rev. Richard Greaves, who was Vicar of Deddington, Oxon., 1822-36, bought the advowson on behalf of his nephew, Rev. R. W. Greaves, to whom it afterwards belonged. He was patron when the Rev. J. B. Marsden was inducted, in 1833.

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From 1774 to 1792 the parish is designated Tooting-Graveney, Lower Towting, Tooting, and Towting-Graveney.

Pages 1 *and* 2.

Salmond (N.), in his "Antiquities of Surrey," 1736, very tersely remarks:

"The proper evidence upon which to distinguish the three Manors of Tooting is in the chests of those who purchased them from the purchasers upon the Dissolution."

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The description given of the supposed alms-dish with handle is evidently incorrect, as I find an illustration of a similar piece of plate in "Catholic Ceremonies," New York, Benziger Bros., where it is described as a communion paten, held under the chin of the communicant when he receives the Blessed Sacrament.

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"High Hopes and Pleadings for a Reasonable Faith, Nobler Thoughts, Larger Charity. Sermons preached in the parish church of Tooting-Graveney, Surrey, by John Congreve, M.A., Rector." London: Macmillan and Co. 1875. 7s. 6d.; reduced to 5s., 1877. Crown 8vo., 340 pp.

VESTRY MINUTES.

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1808. A special Vestry was held to consider arrangements with James Rose as to sanctioning an enclosure he had made, and an agreement was subsequently come to between Rose, the Lady of the Manor, the Rector, Churchwardens, and Overseers. £52. 10. 0 was paid to the Overseers, and 10s. each to the Lady of the Manor, the Rector, and the two Churchwardens, and the enclosure allowed.

The Churchwardens' books for that date are missing, but the Overseers debit themselves with the £52 10s.

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MASTERS AND MISTRESSES.

1853. Mr. and Mrs. Stocker.
1867. Mr. and Mrs. Groome.
1869. Mr. W. C. Bray, Miss A. Mitchell.
1874. Joseph Henry Marsland.

In the Minute Book of the National Schools:

1875, Jan. 11. "The schools were leased for 99 years to the School Board for London by an agreement dated Jan. 11, 1874. A year's working expenses convinced the Board of the insufficiency of the present school buildings, and in order to facilitate the erection of new and complete buildings in a central position, the Board requested the managers and trustees to consent to the following arrangement, viz., That schools should be re-transferred, with a view to the National Schools being leased (subject to certain conditions) from year to year, and the infant

school conveyed in *fee simple* to the Board, so that, on the completion of the new buildings contemplated by the Board, the National Schools might be given up to the former managers, and the infant schools be sold, or otherwise disposed of as the Board might think best. To consider this proposal, and if approved of, to give a formal assent to it.

"Two meetings became necessary: 1st, a meeting of the former managers; and 2nd, a meeting of former subscribers."

(This had reference only to the buildings, not the endowments.)

INFANT SCHOOL MISTRESSES.

Miss Lackie.
Miss Pattison.
Miss Dawson, 1862-68.
Mrs. Stanbrook.

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1702.

Due to M^r^ Cole for William Elye.

	£	s.	d.
ffor Meate Drinke & Lodging for 3 weeks -	0	12	0
for the Chyrurgeon that Dreſt ffirst - -	0	02	6
for the Chyrurgeon that Dreſt him Last - -	0	10	0
Totall	1	04	6

MR. MEAGEE,

Pray be ſoe kinde as lett me have this ſume of money w^ch^ I have promiſed to pay for him aboveſaid, as ſoon as poſsible you cane, from yo^r^ friend at Command,

WILLIAM COLE.

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1703.

The Names of thoſe that Contribute & the ſums given and Contributed towards the putting out apprentice Michael Cooke a poore Child to Mr. Charnley of Clapham, March y^e^ 30^th^, 1703:

	£	s.	d.	
S^r^ Jenmes (James) Bateman two Ginneys -	2	3	00	(*sic*)
Thomas Man - - - - -	00	15	00	
Isaac Brand - - - - -	00	15	00	
Joseph Scriven - - - -	00	15	00	
M^r^ Theed - - - - -	00	10	00	
M^r^ Turner - - - - -	00	05	00	
M^r^ Leane - - - - -	00	05	00	
M^r^ Hester - - - - -	00	10	00	

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1709.

	£	s.	d.
Rec^{d} y^{e} 14th Day of Septemb^{r}, 1709, of y^{e} Conſtable of Tooting y^{e} Sum of Thirteen Shillings, being by order of quart^{r} Seſsions towards y^{e} Repairing of Chertſey Bridge in this County by me	0	13	0

RICHD. CHANDLER, H. C.

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1719.

The A Count of y^{e} Carpenters work doun to the woch houes in y^{e} year 1719 :

	s.	d.
for 3 Leaves of Slet dells at 10 pence A peas -	02	06
for A quarter 3 feet long - - - -	00	04½
for A baten of hole dell - - - -	00	03
for ½ A hond of 10^{p} naels - - - -	00	05
for ½ A dayes work - - - - -	01	03
	04	09½

(*No date, probably* 1724.)

The Contstabell bill.

	£	s.	d.
for swaering in to my offis - - - -	0	1	0
paid 2 shillings for siening book - - -	0	2	0
for Returing at 11 warants - - - -	0	5	6
paid to a poor woman - - - -	0	0	3
R^{d} y^{e} Ale Colner - - - - -	0	2	0
	0	10	9

Page 57, *footnote.*

The shade of Mr. John Loringe must excuse this stupid blunder, which was not discovered till the sheet had been printed off. James was the second son of Sir James Bateman and brother of the first Viscount Bateman.

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It was Sir Benjamin Kemp, 7th Baronet, who married Mrs. Colt, of Tooting. He died in 1777 ; her daughters married, etc.

Sir John Kemp, 5th Baronet, who died in 1761, married the widow of E. B. Colt. Her burial is described in the Registers as follows :

"1768. March 6. Dame Elizabeth Kemp, Relict of Sir John Kemp, Bt."

The Rev. Mr. John Colt was buried in 1747.

COURT ROLLS.

Matthew Coachman died seized of a messuage and 11 acres of land held freely. John, only son of the said Matthew, is his heir.—12 Chas. I. (1660, Nov. 12).

Thos. Mann (Man) died seized of a messuage and 12 acres of land held freely. Elizabeth, late his wife, is tenant for life by the will of the said Thomas, with reversion to Edward Dudson, gent., and Annie his wife.—*Ibid.*

Edward Dudson purchased of Thomas Lynsford and Richard Reeve a messuage, three cottages and nine acres of land held freely by a rent of 3s. 10d.—*Ibid.*

Joshua Geeringe purchased of John Stone one close containing three acres of land, held freely by a peppercorn rent.—16 Oct., 1665.

John Hebdon, Esquire, purchased of Joshua Geeringe one messuage, barn, stable, orchard and garden, containing by estimation one acre of land more or less, and two closes of land containing by estimation 7 acres more or less, held freely at a rent of 4^s 4^d and other services.—*Ibid.*

Edmund Sares died seized of four several tenements and five several closes or parcels of land, containing in the whole 36 acres, held freely by a rent of 14^s. Edward Sares is his son and heir.—1 Oct., 1668.

Edmund Sares died seized of one close or parcel of customary land called "Maybyes Close," lying and being within the manor and abutting upon the land of Sir John Maynard, Kt., deceased, upon the south-west part, and abutting upon the Highway there leading upon Tootinge Beake to Streatham upon the north east part, held of this Manor by Copy of Court Roll by a rent of $3^s/4^d$ per ann. and other services, and Edward Sares is his only son and next heir to the premises according to the custom of this manor, whereupon there falls to the Lady of the Manor a fine. And now at this Court comes Edward Sares and in full court humbly prays to be admitted to the premises aforesaid with appurtenances as next heir, to whom the Lady of the Manor, by her steward granted seizin by the rod, to have and to hold the aforesaid close or parcel of customary land and appurtenances to the aforesaid Edmund (Edward) Sares his heirs and assigns for ever, at the will of the Lady according to the custom of the Manor aforesaid by the rents and services therefore formerly due and of right accustomed, and so he is admitted tenant by the rod, and

gave to the Lady for a fine for having his estate £3, and he did fealty to the Lady.—1 Oct., 1666.

George Endebroke, gent., died seized of 3 tenements with appurtenances, held freely, rent unknown. Roger Endebroke, *cognatus ejus*, is next heir at will.—*Ibid.*

John Coldham, Esq^{r}., died seized of one messuage held freely by rent of 9^{s}/0$\frac{1}{2}^{d}$ and other services, and also of one other messuage held freely by a rent of 1^{s}/4^{d} and other services, and also of two other messuages or tenements lately erected on part of the premises.—28 April, 1699.

The Old Register Book.

The parish registers begin in 1555, but are not original till 1603. The first order for systematic keeping of the registers of births, marriages and deaths was made in 30 Henry VIII. (1538) by Thomas Lord Cromwell, Lord Privy Seal, and Viceregent to the King. This order recited that in every parish there should be a coffer with two locks, in which should be kept the register book under the care of the parson, vicar, or curate and churchwardens; and that every Sunday, in the presence of one of the churchwardens, the parson should enter in a register book a written record of the dates and names of the weddings, christenings and burials of the previous week, under pain of a fine of three shillings and fourpence for each neglect, the money to go towards the repair of the church. In 1547 a similar injunction was made by Edward VI., the fine to go to the poor-box of the parish. *Tempo* Philip and Mary, 1555-57, inquiry was made as to the carrying out of this order. In the first year of Elizabeth, 1559, a still further injunction was issued, and the fines divided between the repair of the church and the poor-box. In 1597, the Archbishop, bishops and clergy of the province of Canterbury issued a stringent order that records should be kept, a transcript to be sent yearly to the diocesan Registrar.

In 1603, the first year of James I., a similar order was given, and the provision made, that as far as possible, the records from the time of Elizabeth should be collected together and entered in a parchment book. Hence we find that John Bond, who was rector of this parish at that time, tells us, in his crabbed and almost illegible writing common in those days, that he copied the entries from the year of our Lord 1555 to 1602. Among the entries are:

"Jane Bond, daughter to M^{r} John Bond, parson of Tootynge, born 3rd January, christened the 29th of the same month."

In 1620 Henry Byrd, Master of Arts and parson of Tooting, is mentioned as being buried.

In 1635, Wm. Maynard, son of Sir John Maynard, buried.

In 1641, Robert Maned, Mynester, buried. He was succeeded by "Morgan Hopton, Minister of God's Word," who was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Tooting-Graveny in Surrey the first day of October, 1641. His records are poorly kept, and there is a gap from 1642 to 1656, when Roland Gawen, *pastor indignus* as he calls himself with all modesty, took charge of the parish. His first entry is the baptism of his daughter Maria, but eight years after he records her burial, and we can see his grief and sorrow in the record, which tells us "*the grieving father and sorrowful mother were weeping much.*"

In 1651 he records the birth and baptism of Edward, his son, and in 1653 Benjamin, another son. In 1651 the marriage of Thomas Bathers, Esq., and Mary, daughter of Sir John Maynard, is the only marriage recorded.

In 1661 Benjamin Lovell read the XXXIX Articles as Rector.

In 1669 Edmund Calamy, of London, gent., and Mary Gearing, daughter of Joshua Gearing, Esq., of this parish, gent., were married A. 10, 1669.

In 1670 the register book was rebound, and either then or in 1748, when it was again rebound, the leaves were disarranged, and the result is that the entries are not in chronological order.

One entry runs as follows:

"Mary Bishop was married the 22nd of September, Anno Domini 1652." Who to is not stated. Perhaps the churchwardens were not present at the wedding, and so the register had to be entered up later on, by which time the parson had forgotten the name of the other party to the contract. There is another entry in the same style.

In 1654 is the first entry of the publication of banns of marriage; the contracting parties are Mr. John Myles and Mrs. Sarah Biddulph.

The first recorded burial in the book is:

1555. Nicholas Robinson.

Among the burials are:

1670. Humphry Pledge.
Sir John Hebdon.
1676. Lady Mary Maynard.

Six entries in 1556; twelve in 1557; blank till 1562, when five entries are made, and the same in 1563; fifteen in 1564; 1603, no entry; 1604, four. In 1613 appears the entry, "John Bond and

Elizabeth, his wife, were buried the 30th of October." In 1642, among Mr. Hopton's entries, written in Latin, are: "Thomas Couchman, Citizen of London, was buried 21st of May, 1642." "Matthew Couchman, son of Matthew Couchman, was buried 1st day of June, Anno Dom., 1642," to which is added, "Hee gave the new Communion Table."

An entry in 1661 is as follows:

"Phœbe, the daughter of Joshua Gearing, gent., Baptised in the Parish Church of St. Austin, London, but the place being burnt by the raging fire it is desired by the parents that she should be registered in this book."

1673. This day being 7th Dec, 1673, was presented and given for ever by Mr. Thomas Sanders to the Parish Church of Tooting-Graveney, for y^e^ sole and propper use of the Communion service, a large gilded Cup or Chalice of plate, with a cover belonging to it, with this inscription on both of them:
"Altari Sacrum Paroch: Ecclæ de Tooting Ex dono Tho. Sanders Generosi."

1693. Mr. Timothy Turner, Rector of this parish, and Mistress Letitia Tregagle, of the parish of Mitcham, was married.
Mr. Turner's last entry, Aug. 4, 1700.

1727. Isaac Man, Sword Bearer of the City of London, was buried.

1726. Sir John Lambert, Bart., of y^e^ parish of S^t^ Dunstan in y^e^ East, and Mrs. Anne Holmes, of S^t^ Olive, Hart Street, London, were married by Licence f^rm^ y^e^ A.Bp. of Canterbury by the Rev^d^ Mr. Arrowsmith, Rect^r^ of S^t^ Olive, Hart S^t^.

The book ends 1781.

Place and Field-Names.

Amen Corner.
Apud le Hoo.
Bamfield.
Barley Close.
Barn Field.
Biggerye Hill.
Biggery Meade.
Busshe Down.
Butcher Leys.
Butt Close.
Chase Field.
Church Field.
Church Street.
Common Field.
Common Fields.
Crab-tree Field.
Dimock Meade.
East Hedge.
Eggham Close.
Fleming Meadow.
Footpath Field.
Four Acre Field.
Further Sufferlands
Gate Field.

Geryes Meade.
Goodwyn (Gudwyn).
Gowry Mead.
Great Bushey Down.
Great Butcher's Leys.
Great Dimocks.
Great Many Gates.
Groomfield.
Grub Close.
Grub Field.
Hill Field.
Hither Sufferlands.
Holmes' Meade.
Holmes' Meadow.
Home Mead.
Howe Lane.
Howhedge.
Iron Mill Field.
Kings at Heathe.
Lane's Field.
Le Corner House.
Le Friene Close.
Le Howe.
Le Longe Close.
Little Bushey Down.
Little Butcher's Leys.
Little Dimocks.
Little Many Gates Field.
Long Mead.
Lower Barn Field.
Maltby's (Maltbies).
Manor House (*almost opposite Totterdown*).
Many Gates (Mannigates).
Marten Lane.
Maybyes Cloase.
Maydenhed.
Neach Field.
Nicholas Lands.
Old Orchard.
Oliver's Acre.
Pear-tree Field.
Pit Field.
Pond Close.
Pond Field.
Road Field.
Sheephawes.
Sheep-house Field.
Shepherds' Close.
Small Gains' Field.
Smith's Meade.
South Hedge.
Square Field.
Stabb Field.
Stack Yard.
Staple Field.
Stony Field.
Stonyland, or Stonesland.
"The Angel" and Cottages.
The Hundred Acres.
The Neates.
The Rookery.
The Wate.
Three Acres' Field.
Top Hill Field.
Totterdown.
Twelve Acres' Field (1 acre short).
Two Acre Field.
Upper Barn Field.
Upper Park Field.
Vicar's Busshes.
Widows' Close.
Westfield (late Vicar's Busshes).
Wood's (Land).
Wynyards.

RATEABLE VALUE.

1838	£6,800
1839	6,842
1840 1841	6,822

1842 - - - - - -	£6,833
1843 - - - - - -	6,832
1844 - - - - - -	6,869
1845 - - - - - -	7,679
1846 - - - - - -	7,888
1847 - - - - - -	7,960
1848 - - - - - -	8,002
1849 - - - - - -	7,890
1850 - - - - - -	7,798
1851 - - - - - -	7,954
1852 (165 waterpipes included; gas, £20) -	8,091
1896 - - - - - -	33,662

INSTITUTIONS.

The Church House, erected during the Rectorship of the Rev. Edward Howard Morton, for use as a Working Men's Recreation Club, Slate Club, and other purposes.

The Working Men's Medical Aid Association, members of which, by a small weekly payment, receive medical aid in sickness.



Mr GIBLINGS HOUSE AND SHOP

The Tooting-Graveney Cricket Club, established in 1878, and still flourishing, although, owing to stress of circumstances, it has to play its matches just outside the parish; still a representative feature in the parish.

Church of England Temperance Society, holding its meetings at the Church Lane Schools.

Conservative Club, in the Mitcham Road, which is also the head-quarters of the "Cycling" and "Camera" Clubs; a member of the latter, Mr. Child, was one of the party of explorers who sailed in the *Windward* in search of the North Pole, under the guidance of Mr. Jackson.

Water Supply.

In olden days Tooting-Graveney seems to have depended upon pumps for its chief supply of water. There was one at the corner of Totterdown, another in the square called Pump Square, one in the Broadway opposite Mr. Gibling's shop.

The chief supply was, however, from a post which stood outside a little shop opposite Fairfield House, and a reference to the Vestry Minutes, page 109, will show that Dr. Lord made use of his artesian wells to supply this post. Then, in 1823, the parish sunk at their own expense an artesian well at the corner of Church Lane. This used to afford a supply at the rate of 130 gallons per minute, but is now dry.

Tooting Home for Infirm Paupers.

This noble building was erected as a school, called St. Joseph's College, by the Christian Brothers in 1888; it was subsequently sold to the Wandsworth and Clapham Union for a home for infirm paupers.

ERRATA.

Page 10, line 17, *for* "Burleigh" *read* "Burghley."
Page 48, footnote, *for* "Terrier" *read* "Repertory."
Page 125, erase footnote, the faculty having been discovered since printing that sheet.
Page 146, footnote, *for* "Thomas" *read* "Thom."
Page 146, footnote, *for* "W. K." *read* "J. K."
Page 195, line 34, *for* "Chiddenton" *read* "Chittenden."
Page 198, line 33, *for* "Plumb" *read* "Plumbe."
Page 199, 1818, the words "in the county" should be deleted.
Page 223, line 14, *for* "Hall" *read* "Hatt."
Page 232, line 22, *for* "Platt" *read* "Pratt."
Page 272, line 11, *for* "Terry" *read* "Perry."
Page 284, line 12, *for* "VII." *read* "VI."
Page 287, lines 12 and 13, *for* "Burleigh" *read* "Burghley."

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NOTE.—Where initials are to be traced, they have been inserted although not in the original documents. As to the spelling of proper names, that of the writers in the parish books has been adopted, except in cases where the parties concerned have written their own names at the foot of minutes, etc. In some instances where a person—and there are many such—has not been able to write himself, the spelling adopted by the recorder of the minutes has been used. In some cases a name has appeared for years in the records with a variety of spellings, and perhaps it has only once had the X against it, which denoted that it was simply a case of "John Smith, X his mark."

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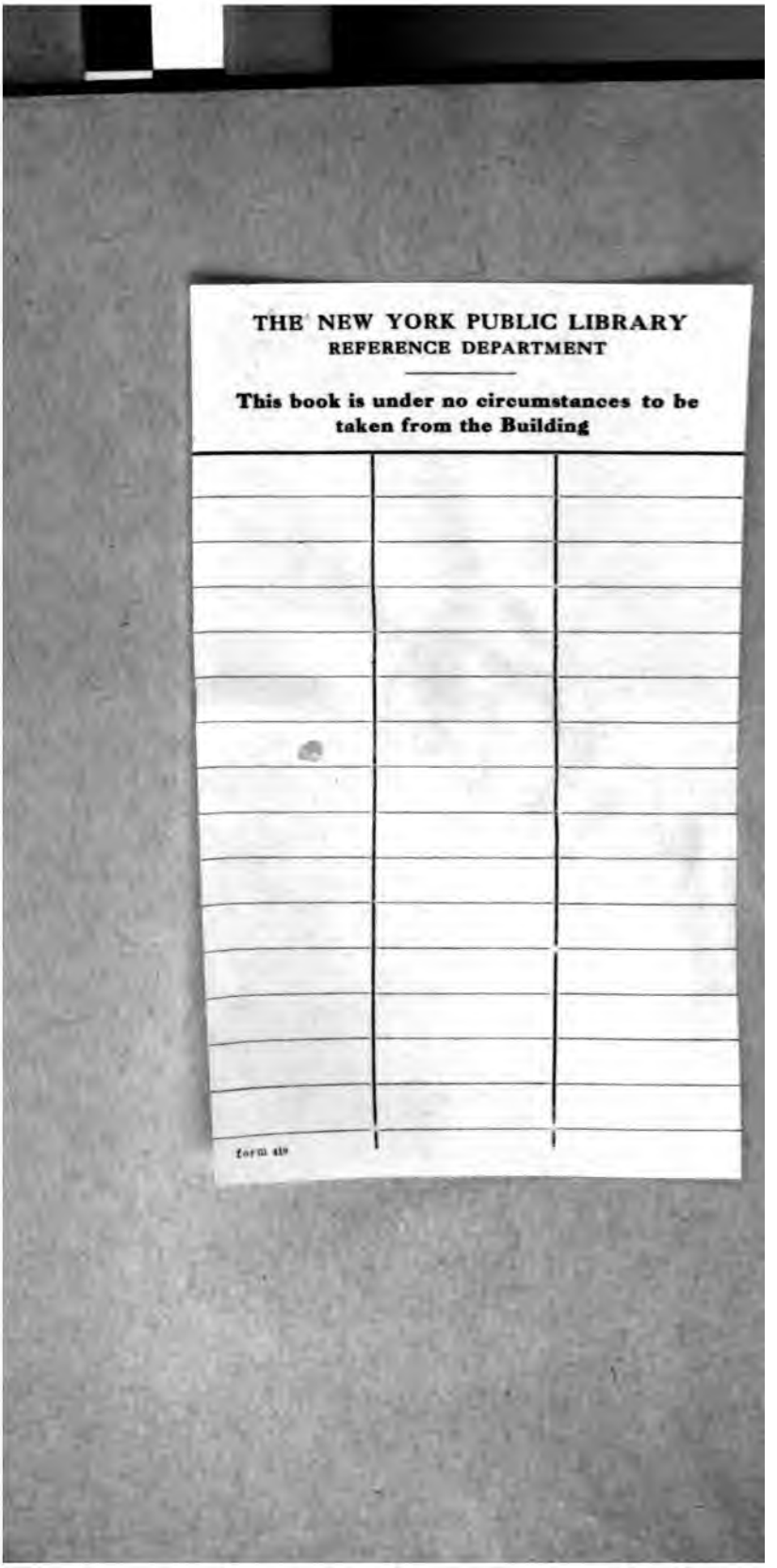
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